Veterinary Surgeon required

This is a new post, created to accommodate an increased workload and allow for an improved rota and reduce the working hours for our vets. We currently work a 4.5 day week and are happy to discuss a flexible working pattern to accommodate an individuals work/life balance.

This is a great opportunity to live and work in the beautiful western lake district, which offers great leisure opportunities, with the fells and coast all within easy reach. It’s an ideal area for the outdoor enthusiast, with fell walking, climbing, mountain biking, and horse riding all on the doorstep. For the wild swimmer, paddle boarder or canoeist our local lakes are Wastwater, Ennerdale and Buttermere with great coast at St.Bees, Seascale and Ravenglass – all perfect to relax on your half day or after work.

Our weekend Rota will be a full every 8 weeks with a half every 8 weeks. We offer support to all on call with a senior vet on the rota and a nurse answering your phones and available to help with cases. This role would suit a practitioner with a focus on small or Large animals, and willing to do mixed work out of hours (with support).

We have two well equipped surgeries, both with digital x-ray, ultrasound and in house lab testing, and endoscope. With certificate holders in both surgery and medicine, we offer a great learning environment for a new or recent graduate. Our small animal medical and surgical caseload, including orthopaedics, provide a great opportunity to progress to certificate level if you so wish. In particular our orthopaedic caseload is significant and growing so a candidate enthusiastic about orthopaedics would be welcomed.

We have a busy large animal department with 2 BCF scanners and interherd buero for the dairy fertility visits. We use our Wopa crush for foot trimming and perform bull and tup semen evaluation. Our beef and sheep work make for a busy spring, with large lowland and fell flocks. Our tb workload is minimal with our clients in a 4 year testing area. Our herd health planning uses the ‘My healthy herd’ software.

Our equine work is growing and so a candidate with a passion for equine medicine and an interest in Equine dentistry would also be ideal.

We are a vet nurse training centre with seven qualified nurses over our two sites, offering good support and assistance with patient care. Out of hours, a nurse will answer your phones and assist when necessary, with a senior vet on second on call at all times and willing to help out.

Salary package above the SPVS Median, RCVS fees paid and CPD allowance of £1000 – more for postgraduate certificate CPD. A part time vet will be considered – please contact us to discuss this further.

 We are a traditional independent mixed practice, with clinicians keen to continue the mixed practice model but with interests and focus in different fields. We accept direct applications only. For more details about the practice please visit [www.westlakelandvets.co.uk/meet-the-team/careers](http://www.westlakelandvets.co.uk/meet-the-team/careers) or call the surgery for an informal chat with Chris or Mark . To apply please send your CV to chris@westlakelandvets.co.uk