

Traineeship at the University Clinic for Ruminants

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Recommended Prerequisites

- General Propaedeutics (cf. Diploma programme in Veterinary Medicine UI209: exercises from General Propaedeutics I and II)

Educational Objectives

(relative to prior knowledge of the subject matter)

- Learning and practising hands-on skills (findings and interpretation, therapy, and prognosis; learning skills: clinical examination, injection techniques, inserting a gastric tube, applying bandages, examination of blood, faeces and rumen fluid samples)
- Preparation of diagnoses and differential diagnoses, interpreting clinical findings and administering treatments

Specific Assignments/Tasks

- Clinical examination, in- and outpatient and emergency care and treatment under the supervision of the on-duty assistant, as well as performance of further diagnostic tests or therapeutic measures on patients as instructed by an assistant
- Assisting during surgical procedures, performing minor surgical procedures under the supervision of an the on-duty assistant
- Participating in off-site visits (as necessary), surveying of livestock on problem farms, collection of sample material, contributing to the drafting of remediation proposals
- Minor laboratory tasks (analyses of milk, blood, rumen fluid and faeces)
- Supporting the assistant in the performance of administrative duties

- Assisting care personnel in their routine daily work (taking animals on walks, watering etc. and of the maintenance of animal enclosures and treatment trolleys)
- Scientific tasks / reading of scientific literature, scientific literature searches (as needed)

Pertinent Guidelines

- The 'General Hygiene Measures' in the appendix must be observed.
- Specific rules of conduct and disinfection measures to be employed in cases of suspected epidemic disease at the University Clinic for Ruminants may be found in the applicable SOPs – the instructions of the clinic staff must be followed.

Monitoring/Documentation of Activities

Feedback on your work at the ruminant clinic is given according to the forms provided and is given individually by the assistants on duty.

Working Hours and Duration of Traineeship

Reporting for duty

On the first day of the traineeship, please report to the Secretariat for the Clinic for Ruminants after the veterinary round.

If the first day of the traineeship period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the actual start of the traineeship will be at 7:30 a.m. on the first regular weekday following the weekend or holiday.

Trainees will be issued the following:

- Name tag
- Traineeship card
- Locker key (a security deposit of € 40,00 will be collected; this will be refunded when the key is returned)

Working hours

Weekdays:

Core working hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

(Lunch break from 12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m.; flexible, subject to change due to patient intake)

Daily schedule:

- Morning patient examinations: clinical examination of inpatients PRIOR to veterinary rounds (beginning of veterinary rounds at 8 a.m.) together with students on night duty or students doing their clinical rotation I and II. The trainee may determine when to start work based on the number of patients to be seen. This means that all patients in a trainee's area of responsibility must be seen prior to the clinic's morning veterinary round.

- The morning examination includes the assessment of the following parameters: general behaviour, pulse, temperature, breathing, rumen activity, assessment of appetite, condition of faeces, swinging and percussion auscultation; SOAP recording (S: subjective, own assessment of the state of the disease and its development; O: objective assessment of the general condition based on vital parameters, appetite, milk production, laboratory findings; A: assessment, analysis of the findings and assessment as well as consideration of possible differential diagnoses and their clarification; P: planning of further diagnostic and therapeutic measures)

Weekend duty:

All trainees are required to participate in weekend duties (Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday):

- Per 2-weeks traineeship – one 13 hours duty (7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.) on a weekend or holiday
The date of the duty can be chosen voluntarily (flexible allocation depending on the number of patients) and has to be announced prior to the traineeship at the secretariat.

The allocation of weekend and holiday duties has to be discussed with the traineeship supervisor. The supervising assistant will confirm performance of weekend and holiday duties by signing the traineeship card.

Clothing/Equipment

Required clothing

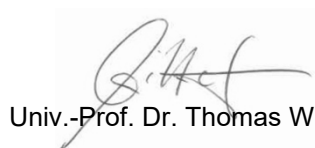
(Clothing must be clean; trainees must arrange for their own cleaning.)

- Work clothes (coat, rubber boots)

Required equipment

- Stethoscope
- Plexor
- Pleximeter
- Small scissors
- Fever thermometer
- Watch with second hand

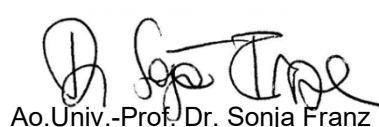
We are pleased to welcome you as trainees and wish you success and enjoyment during your sojourn at our clinic!



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