

VET STUDENT BUZZ

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This edition is the first in a series of 3 from guest contributor Dr Amy Hewitt from Devoted Vets, Warragul. Amy graduated from UQ in 2019. She is a keen, compassionate and positive recent graduate who is ready and willing to have a go at anything, though she admits having a particular interest in "lifestyle animals" - goats, alpaca, sheep and pigs.

Getting the most out of clinic rotations

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Here's a few tips on how to best use your time whilst on clinic rotations:

- Know your schedule in advance and brush up on a few key areas.
- Love and befriend nurses - get your hands dirty and help them out. They will help you get to know the clinic and be grateful for the extra help.
- Befriend clinicians - they are awesome people and have amazing stories. This helps them remember your name and maybe they will be a good reference for you down the track.
- Always be present. Final year is physically tiring but I found that being there early, staying for the cool surgeries, being on top of my patients and following the clinicians around, not only helped me learn more but it enabled me to form great relationships with the clinicians and nurses. They knew my name by the end of the rotation and called me in after hours for certain cases even though I wasn't on call.
- If you have the option of staying behind and helping with cases or to assist with a cool surgery, then do it. I know long working hours can suck and I do advocate for a better work life balance but if you can stay, do it.
- Trust your team: trusting the guys you are on rotation with helps a lot; work as a team to get cases done; always have each others back.



- Be enthusiastic and read up on your cases beforehand. I was able to enjoy my equine rotation more than I thought I would this way.
- ALWAYS ask questions. A stupid question is one that was not asked.

EXTERNAL ROTATIONS

- I highly recommend choosing places that you know will teach you something. So talk to your colleagues about which clinics are hot or not.
- Go to clinics close to where you can get reasonably priced accommodation
- Never take anything personally and realise that not everyone will like you (I learned this the hard way!) Clinics are busy and you won't always get on with everyone.

TOP TIP: STOP & SMELL THE RUMEN FLUID!

It's crazy how quickly vet school, particularly final year, goes. You blink and you may just miss it. Biggest advice for kids starting vet school or those in final year, is to enjoy the process and stop and smell the rumen fluid occasionally. It's great stuff!



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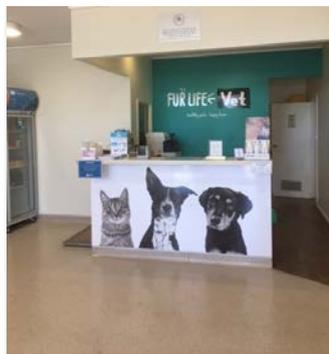
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