

Veterinary Student Externship Experience

Objective: To provide a veterinary student with practical experience in providing routine and emergent veterinary care to resident horses on a Thoroughbred breeding farm. The pri-mary experience revolves around reproductive management of broodmares and stallions, neonatal and foal care, yearling development, and herd health management. Other respon-sibilities include care of track lay-ups, preparation of horses for sale at public auction, and clinical research.

Overview: The following are expectations and requirements for serving an externship at Claiborne Farm:

- 1. There is no financial compensation for participating in this externship.
- 2. Assist veterinarian and technician with all veterinary duties.
- 3. We will provide housing accommodations.
- 4. Provide your own transportation to and from Claiborne Farm.
- 5. Provide your own meals.
- 6. Start at ~ 6:30 am each morning and end ~ 5 pm each afternoon.
- 7. Be on-call for all after-hours emergencies and foalings.
- 8. Be willing to work up to 7 days per week.
- 9. Provide student AVMA-PLIT insurance.
- 10. Complete and provide a Kentucky Liability Waiver and Emergency contact sheet (both are provided upon acceptance into the externship program).
- 11. Best times to extern with us are February through June of each year.
- 12. Externs are encouraged to participate in active discussions on techniques and cases; hands-on experience will be dependent upon the skill and comfort level of each individual.

How to Apply: Please provide the following information to bpurcell@claibornefarm.com:

- 1. Provide a letter of intent and resume or curriculum vitae including a list of 2-4 references (please include their email addresses).
- 2. The externship is open to first through fourth year veterinary students; visiting veterinarians are also welcome.
- 3. There is no maximum or minimum for length of the externship.

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