

**Country Roads Veterinary Services Inc
Ashland Veterinary Clinic
776 Main St RD #5
Ashland, OH 44805**

Student Externships

Practice Description

Our practice is located in Ashland, Ohio, approximately 90 minutes north of the OSU campus just off I-71. We are a mixed animal practice consisting of two facilities:

- Country Roads Veterinary Services Inc, 776 Main St RD #5, Ashland, OH 44805
 - o 419-962-4344
 - o This practice is 85% dairy. We have 100 regular dairy clients ranging in size from 40 to 175 cows. Approximately half of our dairy farms have been constructed within the last 10 years. We have new dairies under construction every year and are a growing dairy region of small dairy farms.
 - o We see the occasional horse, small ruminant and beef calf/cow.
 - o Limited amount of small animal office hours
- Ashland Veterinary Clinic, 626 East Main St, Ashland, OH 44805
 - o 419-281-8611
 - o www.ashlandvetclinic.vetstreet.com
 - o This is a 100% dog and cat clinic. Our goal is to provide high quality medicine in a rural setting. Our doctors areas of interest include advanced dentistry, orthopedic surgery, laser surgery, physical therapy, and internal medicine

Contact Information

- K. Fred Gingrich II DVM (owner) cell 419-606-3558 kfgdvm@gmail.com

Housing Information

Housing free of charge is available at our Ashland office. Available in this office is a pull-out sleeper sofa, microwave, toaster, toaster oven, refrigerator, and shower. Access to our wi-fi internet connection is available if you bring your own laptop computer. We have room to house up to two students at a time.

Rules for staying in our clinic:

1. Please clean up after yourself! Do your dishes, clean up your trash and fold up the sleeper sofa. Your bedroom is also the staff breakroom so please keep it neat.
2. Our staff arrives at 7 am so please be out of bed, showered and dressed when they arrive so there is no "awkwardness"!
3. We have a no alcohol policy in our office. If you want to have a drink at night, go to a bar. Do not bring, consume or store any alcohol on clinic property. If you smoke, please

smoke outside at the back of the building. Do not leave cigarette butts on the ground, extinguish and place in a trash receptacle. Do not use drugs on clinic property.

4. Do not use the clinic phone after hours because it messes up our answering service.
5. It is prohibited to have visitors or guests stay with you or visit you in the clinic after hours.

If you do not wish to stay in our clinic for your externship we can give you hotel information for staying elsewhere. You are more than welcome to bring a dog or cat with you to the office. During the day, they must be put in a kennel or cage. After closing (all clients and staff have left the clinic) your pet can be with you in the breakroom area.

What to Bring

1. Suitable clothes for farm work, weather appropriate! You can wear shorts or T-shirts or scrub tops under your coveralls. Our farmers are *conservative* so please no revealing clothing.
2. Bring coveralls to wear on the farms. We have a washer and dryer you can use for doing laundry at night but you should have at least two clean pairs with you at all times.
3. Bring rubber boots to wear over your shoes. The boots should come up to mid-calf to below knee length.
4. For small animal office hours, bring nicer clothes. We wear either scrubs or dress casual attire. This would include polos, button down collared shirts, dockers, etc. No jeans, no t-shirts. We have smocks if you would like to wear smocks.
5. It is a good idea to bring your own stethoscope.

What you will be doing

1. We do farm calls every morning and sometimes into the afternoon. We are a true mixed animal practice and you will experience all aspects of it. We can tailor your stay to what interests you the most however!
2. Be at the Country Roads office at 7:30 am **sharp**. Our schedule is set each day so please do not be late. Some days, we start earlier than 7:30 am and we will notify you the day before if the start time changes.
3. After we are done with farm calls, you will be doing either projects, records analysis, nutrition work or small animal appointments. We will direct you where to go each day.
4. We try to have farm dog/cat surgeries available for students to do while they stay here and work them into the schedule. Each student does not always get this opportunity. If you are scheduled for a farm dog/cat surgery, you will pick up the pet, do the surgery and deliver it back to the farm.
5. If you would like to extern on weekends please notify us so the vet on call can get you for Saturday work. We also do small animal appointments on Saturday mornings as well.
6. If you would like to be called for any emergencies while you are here then give each veterinarian your phone number so we can contact you. If we have a small animal emergency and you are in the clinic it is expected that the student will attend the emergency and assist the veterinarian on call.

7. The student externs who stay at the clinic will be expected to monitor and perform any necessary treatments on hospitalized patients.
8. A typical day starts with dairy farm herd checks that are scheduled (ultrasound repro exams) then pick up any sick cow or emergency work that calls in that day. 99% of our farm work is dairy farms 40-200 cows. You will have the opportunity for hands on experience. We will tell you if you can palpate or not-palpate a cow. We know that students are very excited to get their hands on an animal, but it is also important to respect our clients wishes for what we allow and not allow students to do according to their skill level and area of interest.

What we expect of students

1. Enthusiasm and a desire to experience mixed animal rural practice. If you show a desire to learn we will teach you!
2. Positive attitude.
3. Respectful and courteous to our clients.
4. Promptness....do not be late to work!
5. Appropriate clothing.
6. Follow rules of in-clinic housing.
7. Do not take pictures or record video on our farms without asking the veterinarian about that specific situation. Under no circumstances should pictures you take on farms be posted on the internet or social networking sights without specific permission from Country Roads Veterinary Services. We respect our farmers right to privacy. Any student violating this policy will be asked to immediately leave the externship. You can often take pictures but just ask the veterinarian before you plan to do so and we will guide you on what is appropriate.
8. All business of Country Roads Veterinary Services Inc is considered confidential. Do not disclose private clinic information or client/patient information without the consent of Country Roads Veterinary Services Inc.

What you will learn.....you will not see all of this but this is what you MAY see....

1. How to do a proper physical exam and develop a differential diagnosis list for small and large animal patients.
2. Know when to do basic diagnostic tests
3. Learn HOW to palpate a cow properly.
4. Learn NORMAL and ABNORMAL bovine ultrasound imaging
5. Learn how to safely work around and handle cows.
6. Learn the basics of a milking system
7. Learn the basics of what a cow eats in a ration and why they eat it
8. Learn the main points of a milk quality program
9. Learn to identify the major pathogens on a bovine mastitis culture
10. Learn how to do local anesthesia for LDA surgery and disbudding calves
11. Learn how to do a standing left flank pylor-omentopexy surgery for correction of LDA
12. Learn how to IV a cow and pass a stomach tube
13. Learn how to give an epidural and determine how to correct a dystocia

14. Evaluate dairy cow and calf housing facilities
15. Learn how to examine a cow for lameness
16. Learn how to spay and neuter small animal patients.
17. Discuss the economics of dairy production systems

Description of available externships:

1. Unpaid externships.
 - a. Available to any student enrolled in a college of veterinary medicine
 - b. Available in two week time slots
 - c. All experience levels and interests are considered, however students who have completed 2 years of veterinary school are given preference. We have found that you will gain the most out of your externship if you wait to do your externship after your 2nd year of veterinary school.
 - d. Apply by emailing resume and cover letter to Dr. Fred Gingrich at kfgdvm@gmail.com
2. Paid externships.
 - a. Two students per summer for students entering VME III at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.
 - b. Must be a member of the Food Animal Club and preferably SCAVMA and AABP.
 - c. Must have demonstrated experience and interest in practicing cattle medicine through either extra-curricular activities, work experience and additional course work in cattle production medicine, nutrition, etc.
 - d. Available in two week time slots
 - e. Must apply for the externship with Dr. Eric Gordon.
 - f. Scholarship money is given to the students who successfully complete the externship. Expected amount of scholarship money is \$500 to \$1500 per student depending on OVMA matching funds. Money is given as a Food Animal Club scholarship to the students once the school year begins in the fall.

All students who are accepted for either a paid or unpaid externship must sign a confidentiality form before they will be allowed to go on farm calls.