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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES NEWSLETTER

**YEARS 7 & 8**

**w/c 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023**



**TOOT HILL  
SCHOOL**

Dear Student/Parent/Carer,  
**Recording interactions on Unifrog**

Could you let Mrs Farmer know if you take part in any virtual or in person opportunities advertised in this Newsletter please? It is important that young people keep an electronic record of all the interactions you have with Further Education, Higher Education and employers. Please email [ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk](mailto:ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk) with the date of the activity and the name of the activity.

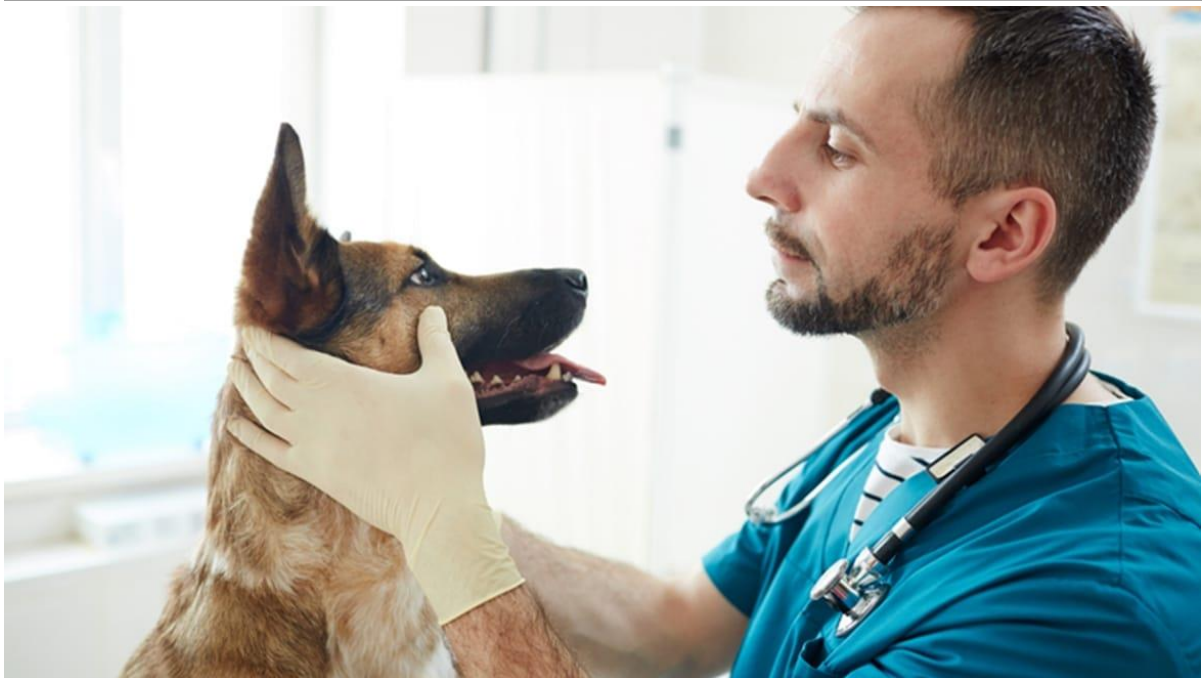
The Toot Hill Careers Team

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## Career Of The Week

### Veterinary Surgeon



#### What you'll do

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You'll usually work in a general veterinary practice. You'll need to care about animal welfare without being too sentimental.

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- speaking to animal owners to find out the problem
- taking blood and urine samples from animals
- taking x-rays
- preparing animals for treatment and assisting vets during treatment
- giving injections, medication, and removing stitches
- talking to pet owners about how to care for their animals
- taking care of in-patient animals
- supervising and helping to train other assistants
- updating records

In smaller practices you may also work on reception.

Record relevant activities you've already done on the [Activities tool](#)

#### Working hours and environment

You'll usually work 35 to 40 hours a week, including some evenings and weekends.

You'll be meeting new pet owners regularly and having lots of face-to-face conversations.

You'll spend some time working outdoors if you're treating farm animals or horses. You'll also usually get a uniform and protective clothing.

### Career path and progression

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With experience, you could take on more responsibility, like practice management, supervising and training new staff, or working in veterinary supplies.

You could also train to specialise in working for a zoological/wildlife park, charity, pharmaceutical company or breeding/boarding kennels.

With further study you could work towards becoming a lecturer or researcher.

### Skills required

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You'll need:

- the practical skills to handle animals in a calm, confident manner
- a caring nature, so you're tactful and sympathetic with pet owners
- technical skills, to use hardware like x-ray machines
- teamwork skills, as you'll be supporting a wider veterinary team in your work
- ethical judgment, to help you make difficult decisions

Got evidence of these skills? Record your examples on the [Skills tool](#)

### Entry requirements

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You'll usually need to:

- complete high school or secondary school-level qualifications (in some countries, like the US, this must include a science subject and/or biology)
- study a Level 3, foundation degree, or degree level qualification in veterinary nursing
- complete work experience in an animal setting, like a veterinary practice, kennels, or animal welfare centre
- be registered with an accredited veterinary organisation in your country, like the RCVS (UK) or EAEVE (Europe), which can include taking an exam (in the US)

In the US, some states will require registration whilst others will not. In those that do, like Indiana or Tennessee, you'll also need to complete a postgraduate qualification which can take two to four years.

If you study a lower level qualification than a degree, you may then need to complete on-the-job training. Alternatively, in the UK, you could train through an apprenticeship.

### Related university subject profiles

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These university subjects are related to this career; check out their profiles on the Subjects library:

- [Animal science](#)
- [Veterinary medicine](#)
- [Zoology](#)

### Related career profiles

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You may also be interested in:

- [Kennel worker](#)
- [Dog trainer](#)
- [Animal care assistant](#)
- [Animal behaviourist](#)

### Explore

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Want to see what relevant education and training opportunities are available right now? Search here:

#### Animal science at uni:

[USA](#) [UK](#) [Canada](#) [Europe](#) [Asia](#) [Australasia](#) [Ireland](#)

#### Veterinary medicine at uni:

[USA](#) [UK](#) [Canada](#) [Europe](#) [Asia](#) [Australasia](#) [Ireland](#)

#### Zoology at uni:

[USA](#) [UK](#) [Canada](#) [Europe](#) [Asia](#) [Australasia](#) [Ireland](#)

#### Apprenticeships:

[UK](#)

## College / Sixth Form:

[UK](#)

Labour Market Information (LMI)

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### UK Salary

#### Veterinary nurses (SOC4)

UK annual median: £24,009

#### Veterinary nurses (SOC3)

UK annual median: £24,009

East Midlands annual median: (Not enough data for this region)

Top 3 regions: Scotland (£28,963), South East (£25,355), Channel Islands (£24,962)

## The Apprenticeship Guide



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For all the latest apprenticeship resources,  
visit [www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk](http://www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk) or follow us on Twitter  
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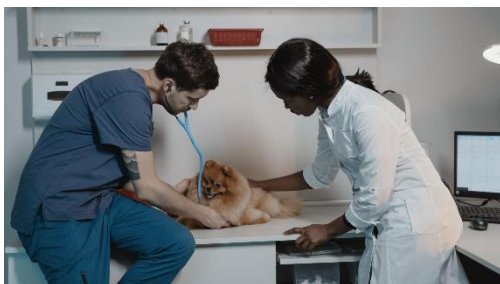
### Sixth form student lands BBC apprenticeship

She was selected out of thousands of applications nationwide for the prestigious apprenticeship.



### Construction apprenticeship aids in delivery of key local project

The apprentices are thrilled that they decide to pursue a construction apprenticeship.



### Consider a career in veterinary

## [nursing](#)

If you're an animal lover, then a veterinary nursing career could be perfect for you as a career.



## [Employer focus: Kleek](#)

### [Apprenticeships](#)

Each month we will look at companies and learning providers that deliver apprenticeships and see what they can offer students.



## [Northern Powergrid recruiting for craftsperson apprenticeship](#)

Northern Powergrid is recruiting for its craftsperson apprenticeship, a programme with strong earning potential.

## Newark Book Festival

I just wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the deadline for the once in a lifetime opportunity for schools to take part in the John Carr 300 competition, all entries will be displayed in the Town Hall Ballroom in September Heritage Open Days.

## John Carr 300 Competition

Key stages 1, 2 & 3 are invited to re-design Newark Town Hall in honour of the architect's 300th anniversary. There are Lego prizes for first place in each category, with the judging panel including professional architects who are excited to see the talent and creativity of the next generation.



For more information and to register, email [isabelle.richards@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk](mailto:isabelle.richards@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk)

## Newark Book Festival

With just over 3 weeks to go until the festival things are getting very busy! For anyone booked onto our 6th July day we will be in touch in a week or so with further details. Please do keep spreading the word to your staff, pupils and families about the festival programme - the more people we welcome the greater the chance we will be back next year - we are excited to be welcoming:

- \* Sara Barnard
- \* Jarvis
- \* Louie Stowell
- \* Henry Normal
- \* Music events about the Holocaust
- \* The Bronte Mysteries
- \* Joanna Cannon
- \* Writing workshops
- \* Storytelling & Street Theatre on eco, nature and our world



\* A planetarium on the Theatre stage!

\* Arts Awards - Free!

and much more. You can view the festival programme on  
[www.newarkbookfestival.org.uk](http://www.newarkbookfestival.org.uk)

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**Thank you**