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Association Of Racecourse Veterinarians UK: Mentoring Programme

We have been considering ways of encouraging more vets into racing and to address the changing face of racing and the need to raise the standard of education of racing vets.

We are therefore, with the full backing of the BHA, introducing a Mentoring programme, whereby vets wanting to come into racing, attend race meetings shadowing a senior veterinary surgeon for a number of meetings, prior to attending CMS.

New starters (Mentees) expectations:

- 5 years qualified
- Attend a virtual CMS which is being developed
- Attend a CMS in person as soon as able to
- At least 5 days shadowing a Senior Veterinary Surgeon, Max 2 at the home track and 3 away from a list of approved SVS
- Predominantly equine work
- A proportion of shadowing at NH meetings, as they are likely to see more challenging situations

There is no requirement in what order people undertake these steps so they can start their shadowing days before they are 5 years qualified, for instance.

We are looking for suitably experienced racecourse vets, at courses all over the UK, to act as Mentors. If you are willing to mentor a younger/less experienced vet, please email your contact details, (email, mobile), and courses that you currently work on, to secretary@arvs.org.uk

We are then asking for applications from vets wanting to join the mentoring scheme prior to beginning racing work following the above criteria; please forward full contact details including date qualified, practice and areas willing to attend mentoring. You will be given details of an approved Mentor in that area, with contact details and will then need to get in touch with them to make suitable arrangements. You will be expected to attend both flat and NH meetings.

You will need to then provide the dates, venues and name of your mentors, which will be registered with BHA. An initial induction CMS will be arranged online for all Mentees to attend and you will be given details of this – there will be a charge for this seminar, as there is with CMS proper, and you will be expected to then attend CMS proper within 2 years, and thereafter, join the BHA accreditation list if thought suitable by your mentors.

Mentors

Please email secretary@arvs.org.uk if you would like to be considered as a mentor – Provide name, contact email and mobile phone number and Racecourses worked at.

Mentees

Please email secretary@arvs.org.uk if you would like to enter the mentoring programme – Provide name, practice, contact email and mobile number, date qualified and areas of the country you are prepared to travel to.

All new starters will need to complete the mandatory online Racing2Learn education module prior to attending, and to register themselves with the Covid Helpdesk in order to be added to the list of raceday personnel. The contact details for the Helpdesk are as below. Please note that unless you are registered to attend the raceday and have completed the Racing2Learn module you will not be granted access to the course.

Telephone: +44 207 152 0110 | **Email:** covidhelpdesk@britishhorseracing.com

The Covid protocols for the return to racing contain all the information needed:

http://media.britishhorseracing.com/bha/covid19/BCD_Protocols.pdf

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