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We are excited and proud of our profession as Equine Practitioners, and are happy to share a little of that experience with High School Students & Undergraduate College Students who are exploring possible career options.

Before your visit, we require two things in advance:

1. An application (download from our website)
2. A signed permission slip for students under 18 (download from our website).

Interested students should contact the office by phone or email to schedule a visit. There are a few things about scheduling that are helpful for you to know:

- We will not schedule visits in December or January as the case load is slower that time of the year and some staff may be away on vacations.
- We are happy to have students in the 8th-12th grades and undergraduate college levels shadow for a few days, but we do not take long term High School Students as observers.
- Visits must be scheduled in advance and are made pending our other obligations and caseloads. **Veterinary students take priority in the scheduling process and we only take two visiting students at a time.** We will need at least a week's notice prior to your desired visit.
- Weekends are generally emergencies only, so it is hard to tell in advance if visiting on Saturday is worthwhile. We do not take students on Sunday.
- Visits must be for full days. Once we leave the office it will not be possible for the student to be returned to the office until the end of the work day. The "end of day" time is pretty fluid, and you might be very late without any warning. Some days the caseload is lighter and the day may end earlier.
- Stacy can tell you what time to arrive when you schedule with her. Usually you will need to be here about 8am. The doctors will not wait for you if you are late.

- **You should wear temperature appropriate clothes that are neat, clean, and modest. Long pants, clean polo shirt (or similar), no open-toed shoes (sneakers are acceptable but not always the warmest or safest). You should bring lunch and a drink as there may not always be time to stop for lunch during the day.**
- If you are visiting as part of a school-sponsored program, please submit all the paperwork for that program in advance of your visit.
- Know that what we do is by its very nature risky business. Horses are potentially dangerous, as is travel. While we will strive to be safe, the clinic cannot guarantee your safety.