

High School Shadowing

The Equine Clinic at OakenCroft

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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 who are exploring possible career options.

Before your visit we require two things a week in advance:

1. A short letter from you explaining why you wish to visit for the day
2. A signed permission slip (download from our website).

Interested students should contact the office by phone or email in order 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 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. 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 apt to be 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 prior 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 and clean and modest. Long pants, no tank tops. Sturdy shoes with toes (sneakers are dangerous). You should bring lunch and a drink.
- 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.