



What is XLVets?

XLVets is a community of independently owned, progressive veterinary practices that work together to achieve the highest standards of veterinary care. The ethos of the XLVets community is that business ownership, and therefore all decision-making, is veterinary-led and in the hands of the people who work within their practice.

We believe, by working together, we can achieve so much more.



Join Our Community

To join the XLVets community, you will first apply to and receive a job offer from an XLVets member practice. As our member practices are independent, the recruitment process is managed by the practice team. Once you have secured your role, you can get involved in our community and all that it has to offer, including our Graduate Programmes.

Being part of the XLVets community offers members great networking opportunities, enabling collaboration, as well as encouraging shared knowledge, experience and skills.

Within XLVets, we have a number of ways that we support members to make connections across the community, including Regional and National meetings, online forums, WhatsApp groups, practice exchanges and Vetskills training courses.

Apply for EMS

Apply for EMS at our central portal. Our member practices offer a broad range of EMS opportunities, representing Farm, Equine and Small Animal disciplines. Our website will make it easier for you to identify and apply to XLVets member practices in one place.

xlvets.co.uk/vet-ems



XLVets Graduate Development Programmes

The XLVets Graduate Development Programmes are provided by our members and for our members only. The programmes offer a series of clinical and non-clinical modules that are designed to connect you with your peers and equip you with useful skills and knowledge. It marks the next important step in an on-going learning journey.



Equine

Survival Skills Thriving in equine practice, practical equine pharmacology, driver skills, finance and management.

Management of the Equine Emergency Patient Equine wound care, best practice colic management, foaling and dystocia, ocular emergencies, infectious disease outbreaks.

Clinical Essentials Introduction to equine dentistry, Lameness and laminitis, clinical pathology.



Small Animal

Survival Skills Managing yourself, time management, managing in practice, finances.

Emergency Management and Euthanasia Thriving in Practice, how do I keep the animal alive and other common emergencies

Clinical Transition Into Practice Practical pharmacology, graduates in action, practical approach to dermatology cases.

Feline Medicine and Lameness Investigation of lameness, feline medicine.



Farm

Surviving and Thriving in Practice Driver skills, mastering medicines, thriving in farm practice, pigs and poultry.

Dairy Days Calving the cow, down cows, surgery, farm transition management, lameness identification, first aid treatment.

Beef and Sheep Skills Diagnosis, treatment and prevention of common diseases, infertility, managing difficult C-sections, practical pathology.



Mentoring

Following the introduction of the VetGDP, we have created a community of mentors within XLVets that will provide external mentoring to all graduates undertaking one of our graduate programmes. This provides you with the opportunity to seek support from willing mentors outside of your practice, all who are keen to support the newest members of our community.



Graduate Get Together

Each year, we host an event for all of the graduates that have completed one of our graduate programmes, along with those who are about to start a programme later that year. We come together as a community to learn, share experiences and have some fun. It's an action-packed weekend that provides an excellent opportunity to attend CPD that is intertwined with fun activities and opportunities to connect with other graduates.