



Specialist in small animal surgery

Optivet Referrals / Island Referrals, Hampshire / Isle of Wight, UK.

Optivet Referrals and Island Referrals are independent referral centres staffed by a very friendly and inclusive team – more of a family than a corporate environment. We are aligned around a set of strong core values which help us to deliver leading specialist-led care to our patients and their owners – we truly treat patients as if they are our own pets.

We are one of the world's leading veterinary ophthalmology centres and also have specialists in surgery, medicine and anaesthesia – we all support each other unreservedly.

If you are a dynamic, people-friendly specialist surgeon looking for an opportunity to shape your future then we would like to talk to you.

We are recruiting a boarded surgeon to work in tandem with our existing boarded surgeon. You will see cases at both Optivet Referrals and Island Referrals, two independent specialist centres either side of The Solent, and fly by hovercraft between them.

You will enjoy providing a broad specialist surgery service, covering orthopaedic, soft tissue, neurosurgical, trauma, and mixed-discipline cases. Experience in general practice prior to specialisation would be advantageous for this generalist role. In terms of support, you will work alongside proactive specialist internal medicine (and cardiology), anaesthesia, and ophthalmology services, high-quality out of hours clinical teams, and supportive management, actively encouraging any areas of clinical interest that you may wish to develop.

You will also enjoy clinical teaching and mentoring surgical residents, interns, veterinary nurses, and final-year veterinary students on intramural rotations. An early goal of your recruitment is to achieve registration as an ECVS Dual Site Standard VSRP. Your research interests will be supported, via collaborative clinical networks and via our links with The University of Surrey.

We are proud of our close-knit teams, and both sites have a strong patient and owner-focused culture that drives clinical and client service levels to the highest levels, caring for patients as if they were our own pets and treating everyone as we would wish to be treated ourselves.

We believe in ensuring a good work/life balance and sharing a top remuneration/reward package with you in a geographically stunning corner of the

world, an hour from London, and bursting with outdoor and on-water leisure opportunities, wildlife, artisan food producers, and so much more.

If you genuinely love being a surgeon and you think you could own this position and help build a unique training environment, please respond.

Please visit optivet.com and <https://www.islandreferrals.co.uk/> for more information.

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