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The purpose of the Commitment Statement is to find out about your interest in, and commitment to, animal health and welfare and a career in veterinary practice. You may be able to provide evidence of this through your family background, work (including school work experience, part-time jobs and voluntary work) and special interests.

Submission of a Commitment Statement by the due date is a strict requirement for the purpose of meeting eligibility criteria for both local and international applicants to the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine for 2025 intake. Commitment Statements submitted after the due date will not be considered.

### Commitment Statement submission

**Domestic applicants**  
along with International Applicants sitting the NSW HSC and applying through UAC

Upload the completed forms and documentation to the UAC portal by the 6th December 2024

**International applicants**

Off-shore and Taylors College Sydney international applicants should upload their completed "Commitment to Veterinary Science" form as part of the online application process by the **6th December 2024** at the latest. Email their completed commitment statement to

**Internal Transfer Applicants**

[Admissions.ugdomestic@sydney.edu.au](mailto:Admissions.ugdomestic@sydney.edu.au) (Domestic applicants) or [Admissions.uginternational@sydney.edu.au](mailto:Admissions.uginternational@sydney.edu.au) (International Applicants) by the **6th of December 2024** at the latest.

**NOTE:** Only applications with completed commitment statements will be assessed. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all supporting documentation is attached. Such as confirmation on a business letter head confirming your dates and hours of your animal handling experience. Applications submitted without supporting documentation will not be processed. Please do not send original documents, only certified copies.

### 1. Veterinary/Animal Handling/Animal Welfare Experience

List below the names and addresses of veterinary or other related establishments where you have obtained experience of an animal related nature (**attach supporting documentation that confirms your experience from the organisation**). Applicants are expected to have undertaken a **minimum** of 5 full days of work experience at veterinary establishments. Work experience must include animal handling, i.e. direct hands-on contact with animals (not just observation). If you have less than 5 days, your application may not be eligible to be assessed. If you feel there are special circumstances that has prevented you from completing the 5 days please complete the Additional Information section on page 3.

<b>Establishment</b> (including contact name, address and telephone number of a contactable suitable staff member)	<b>Type(s) of experience (including animal species)</b>	<b>Number of days worked</b>

## 2. Animal Handling Experience Checklist

Using the skills checklist below, please indicate the animal related skills you have observed and/or performed by placing a tick (✓) in the relevant 'observed' or 'performed' box. Please note, if you have indicated experience in the table below, it must be validated by relevant experience in the Veterinary/Animal Handling/Animal Welfare Experience list in point 1 or point 3.

Observed: Means you have witnessed the procedure

Completed: Means you have performed the procedure with or without supervision

<b>HORSES</b>					
Activity	Observed	Completed	Activity	Observed	Completed
Assess normal condition and behaviour			Prepare a horse for transport; leg, tail bandages		
Haltering			Saddle a horse		
Leading			Loading of horse into transport		
Tying up			Restraint of horse with a twitch		
Grooming			Pick-up forelimb		
Rugging			Pick-up hindlimb		
Bridling			Clean out hooves		
<b>CATTLE</b>					
Activity	Observed	Completed	Activity	Observed	Completed
Mustering			Vaccination		
Drafting			Drench		
Use of cattle crush			De-horn/disbud calves		
Restraint using ropes and nose pliers			Hand milk; strip milk sample for mastitis test		
Trim feet			Machine milking		
Calf castration			Rectal examination		
<b>SHEEP</b>					
Activity	Observed	Completed	Activity	Observed	Completed
Mustering			Feet bath		
Drafting			Lamb castration		
Catch and tip up sheep			Lamb tail dock		
Restrain sheep in sitting position			Sheep dagging and simple flystrike treatment		
Restrain sheep in standing position			Crutch		
Restrain in handling cradle or race			Shear		
Condition score of sheep			Vaccinate		
Earmark			Drench		
Eartag			Jet		
Feet trim			Dip		
<b>PIG</b>					
Activity	Observed	Completed	Activity	Observed	Completed
Moving pigs between pens and for transport			Injecting piglets and older pigs		
Restraint of older pigs			Tail docking		
Catch and holding piglets			Clipping of eye teeth		
			Ear marking/tattooing		
<b>POULTRY</b>					
Activity	Observed	Completed	Activity	Observed	Completed
Catch a bird in a pen			Restrain a bird for physical examination		
Remove a bird from a cage					
<b>CATS</b>					
Activity	Observed	Completed	Activity	Observed	Completed
Lift a cat			Trim claws		
Restrain a cat for an injection			Restrain a cat for a physical examination		
Take rectal temperature			Determine the sex of a cat		
Dose a cat with a tablet			Restrain a cat on its side		
<b>DOGS</b>					
Activity	Observed	Completed	Activity	Observed	Completed
Fit a flat collar			Restrain a dog for an injection		
Fit a muzzle			Take rectal temperature		
Lift a small dog (<15 kg)			Trim claws		
Lift a large dog (>15 kg) with assistance			Restrain a dog for physical examination		
Dose a dog with a tablet			Express anal sacs		

### 3. Additional Information

If you have less than 5 full days of animal handling experience listed in the Veterinary/Animal Handling/Animal Welfare Experience section on page 1, please use this space to:

- Explain your special circumstances as to why you may have lacked the opportunity to complete the 5 days, AND
- Describe any animal handling experience you have from taking care of your own animals including domestic pets or livestock species. Please describe any involvement in the intensive care of unwell pets over a sustained period of time (rather than routine day-to-day maintenance of feeding, walking and grooming).

**Please do not exceed 200 words.**

### Reflective Statement

Select one of the procedures listed in the Animal Handling Experience Checklist on page 2 that you have completed (not just observed).

- State the procedure.
- Reflect on any discomfort the procedure may have caused to the animal.
- Reflect on the benefits of the procedure to the health and welfare of the animal.

**Please do not exceed 200 words.**

<b>Procedure:</b>
<b>Reflection:</b>

### 4. Acuity suite Casper Test

All applicants are required to complete Acuity Suite – Casper test only. More information on the test and to book a test, please visit <https://acuityinsights.app>

I confirm that I have completed/am registered to take the Acuity Suite Casper test on DD/MM/YYYY

I confirm that I have attached supporting documentation for the animal handling/welfare experience

**NB: Please be advised that you need to register for the Acuity Suite Casper test THREE days prior to the test.**

I certify that all the above details are complete and correct. I am aware, should my application be successful, that any information provided in this document is subject to verification by the University.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_