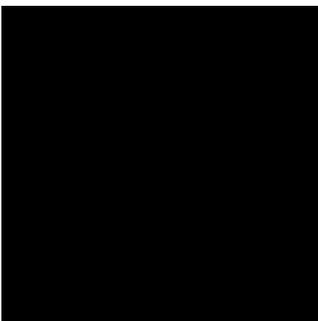


Emily's Bio



I'm Emily, one of the small animal vets. I graduated from the University of Nottingham in 2017, and spent time working at a charity in India and then at a small animal practice in Greater Manchester before starting at Oakhill in April 2019.

What made you want to be a vet? I have wanted to be a vet for as long as I can remember, having always loved spending time with animals and feeling a strong desire to help them. Throughout high school and college, I spent many weeks in veterinary practices shadowing vets as part of my 'work experience'. This was a great opportunity to learn more about what being a vet is really like. Alongside the interesting and rewarding cases, I realised that being a vet is as much about working with people as it is about working with animals, and this is one of my favourite parts of the job. It is a privilege to see the bond that people have with their pets on a daily basis. As you can imagine, being a vet is sometimes difficult and at times very sad, but it is so rewarding and I can't imagine any other job where I would look forward to coming into work each day.



What made you want to work at Oakhill? Relocating to the Preston area, I visited several practices where I might choose to work. What stood out for me about Oakhill was how supportive and friendly the team are. Within the team of veterinary surgeons, we have a variety of special interests and experiences and regularly discuss more complex or unusual cases.

What advice would you give to someone wanting to be a vet? The main advice I would give is to spend plenty of time doing 'work experience' at a variety of practices to gain a true understanding of what life as a vet involves. The training and study required is significant, so it is important to, as much as you can, find out if being a vet is truly for you. There are difficult parts of the job- not all conditions can be treated, and for those that can, the owner may not always be able to due to their financial or personal situation. The expectations from owners can be high, and despite our best efforts we are only human. For me personally, the difficult aspects of being a vet are outweighed enormously by the positives, and being in a supportive and caring team helps in difficult situations.



What do you like most about working with animalsMy favourite thing about the job is watching animals who have been unwell happily greeting their owners when it's time to go home.

Do you have any pets of your ownI have a 17 year old cat called Trixie who I found through Lancashire Cat Rescue earlier this year. She enjoys sleeping by the fire and trying to pinch cheese!