

December 4, 2023



Dear Friends of UK,

The University of Kentucky is committed to supporting the growth of our pre-veterinary advising program, in the hopes of supporting students and fostering excitement for the veterinary profession. In early 2022, a large animal veterinarian shortage was reported in Kentucky as farmers struggle to find veterinary services in rural areas. Fostering the next generation of veterinary professionals has become a priority, not only to recruit students to this career path, but to support a healthier work/life balance and financial stability for those currently in the field.

On February 17, 2024, the UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and the Kentucky Horse Council are joining forces to offer a *Pre-Veterinary Experience Day*, a day-long opportunity for undergraduate students interested in a veterinary career. This event will focus on sharing information critical for informed decision making while exploring the diversity of career options available within veterinary medicine. Located at the Kentucky Horse Park, 100 pre-registered undergraduate students with interest in a veterinary career will attend the event. Students will start the day with academic seminars offered by pre-veterinary advisors, followed by a panel discussion composed of veterinary professionals who will discuss their experiences within the veterinary industry. Students will also attend various tours in Central Kentucky with a choice of subject and location: companion and small animal; livestock, equine; or government and academia. These tours will give attendees the opportunity to view a veterinary facility and ask questions of a professional in their area of interest.

This event aims to develop a population of pre-veterinary students who are knowledgeable, dedicated, and passionate about the veterinary profession, taking us one step closer to addressing current veterinary industry issues. I hope that you will consider supporting the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day. Enclosed are Sponsorship Levels and various opportunities to contribute, as well as contact information if you have questions or would like to get involved with future events.

Sincerely,

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## **Pre-Veterinary Experience Day Sponsorship Levels**

**February 17, 2024 • Kentucky Horse Park • Lexington, KY**

The Pre-Vet Experience Day provides undergraduate students interested in a veterinary career with information critical for informed decision making.

Hosted in Lexington, KY, this day-long event offers students insight into current veterinary medicine issues, highlighting the exciting diversity of career opportunities while addressing topics like student debt, mental health and work-life balance. A panel discussion with current veterinary professionals will debate functional ways of navigating these industry concerns.

Attendees will also have the ability to choose between informational sessions based on their level of knowledge and stage of preparation for veterinary school.

Those who are early in their investigation of the pre-veterinary pathway may choose sessions focused on assessing veterinary schools and preparing a competitive veterinary school application. Those students who are further along in their pre-veterinary journey can opt into sessions providing insight into the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) application and the diverse career possibilities in the veterinary field.

In the afternoon, students will participate in a veterinary facility tour with focus options including:

- Companion and small animal
- Livestock
- Equine
- Government and academia

These tours will give attendees the opportunity to view a veterinary facility and ask questions of professionals in their area of interest.

The Pre-Veterinary Experience Day is hosted by the University of Kentucky with collaboration from the Kentucky Horse Council and supported by multiple industry partners. It is designed to encourage and foster interest in veterinary careers by providing up-to-date information on a variety of topics, including career opportunities, financial assistance, veterinary school applications and more.

## Pre-Veterinary Experience Day Sponsorship Levels

Levels	Sponsorship Benefits	Amount:
Presenting Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naming rights for the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day 2024 event</li> <li>• For information on additional “Presenting Sponsor” level benefits please contact Colette Tebeau – <a href="mailto:Colette.Tebeau@uky.edu">Colette.Tebeau@uky.edu</a>   859-257-7551</li> </ul>	\$15,000
Platinum Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition as Platinum Sponsor in printed and social media references to the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day and the Kentucky Horse Council (KHC) Dinner</li> <li>• Opportunity to address attendees at lunch and dinner</li> <li>• Logo placement on the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day and KHC websites</li> <li>• Name and logo inclusion in printed materials as Platinum Sponsor</li> <li>• Provided literature placed in welcome bags and on tables at dinner</li> <li>• Logo on signage at event</li> <li>• Verbal recognition of sponsorship throughout the event and opportunity to table throughout the day</li> <li>• Inclusion of featured content in two (2) KHC e-newsletters and corresponding social media posts</li> </ul>	\$5,000
Gold Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition as Gold Sponsor</li> <li>• Opportunity to address attendees at lunch</li> <li>• Logo placement on the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day website</li> <li>• Name and logo inclusion in all printed materials as Gold Sponsor</li> <li>• Provided literature placed in welcome bags and logo on signage at event</li> <li>• Verbal recognition of sponsorship throughout the event and opportunity to table throughout the day</li> <li>• Inclusion of featured content in one (1) KHC e-newsletter and corresponding social media post</li> </ul>	\$2,500
Silver Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logo placement on the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day website</li> <li>• Provided literature placed in welcome bags and logo on signage at event</li> <li>• Verbal recognition of sponsorship throughout the event and opportunity to table throughout the day</li> <li>• Inclusion of featured content in one (1) KHC e-newsletter and corresponding social media post</li> </ul>	\$1,000
Bronze Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logo placement on the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day website</li> <li>• Verbal recognition of sponsorship throughout the event</li> <li>• Logo on signage at event</li> </ul>	\$500
In-Kind Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name Recognition on the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day website</li> <li>• Verbal recognition of sponsorship throughout the event</li> </ul>	In-Kind

***All sponsorships are due by January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024***

*If your sponsorship includes logo placement, please email your print-quality, 300 dpi graphic to [PreVetAdvising@uky.edu](mailto:PreVetAdvising@uky.edu) by February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024. To discuss other opportunities or future involvement, please contact Colette Tebeau [Colette.Tebeau@uky.edu](mailto:Colette.Tebeau@uky.edu) or 859-257-7551.*

To complete your Pre-Veterinary Experience Day sponsorship, please complete this form and send it with payment to:

**108 Gluck Equine Research Center  
Attn: Annie Martin, Equine Philanthropy Director  
Lexington, KY 40546**

**\*Make checks payable to: University of Kentucky. Please list Pre-Veterinary Experience Day in memo line.**

\_\_\_ Please check here if you would like an invoice sent prior to payment.

Pre-Vet Experience Day Sponsorship		
Organization Name:		
Contact Name:	Address:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:	
Website:		
Sponsorship Level:		



# Pre-Veterinary Experience Day

*Presented by the University of Kentucky's Pre-Veterinary Advising Program, in conjunction with UK Ag Equine Programs and Kentucky Horse Council*

February 17, 2024, Kentucky Horse Park

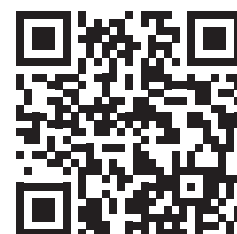
Veterinary Medicine is an exciting profession offering a diverse array of rewarding career path options. The Pre-Vet Experience Day will provide undergraduate students interested in a veterinary career information critical for informed decision making.

Hosted in Lexington, Kentucky, this day-long event offers students insight into current veterinary medicine issues, addressing topics such as student debt, mental health and work-life balance. A panel discussion with current veterinary professionals will debate functional ways of navigating these industry concerns.

Attendees can also choose between informational sessions based on their level of knowledge and stage of preparation for vet school. Those who are early in their investigation of the pre-veterinary pathway may select sessions focused on assessing veterinary schools and preparing a competitive veterinary school application. Those students who are further along in their pre-vet journey can opt into sessions providing insight into the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) application and the diverse career possibilities in the veterinary field.

In the afternoon, students will participate in one of four veterinary career path explorations with focus options including companion/small animal, livestock, equine or government/academia. These tours will give attendees the opportunity to view a veterinary facility and ask questions of a professional in their area of interest.

Make plans to attend today! Space will be limited.



# Tentative Schedule of Events

**8:00-8:30 a.m. Registration**

**8:30 a.m. Welcome & Introduction**

**9:00-9:45 a.m. Session 1**

Option A: Introduction to pre-veterinary requirements; what you need to be aware of to be a competitive veterinary school applicant

*Dr. Pedro de Pedro, Morehead State University*

Option B: Tips and tricks for vet school applications; insights into veterinary school interviews

*Dr. Andrea Sexton, Eastern Kentucky University*

**9:50-10:35 a.m. Session 2**

Option A: Unraveling the vet school mystery: What vet school is the right fit for you? Discussion of vet school formats, cost, location and requirements

*Colette Tebeau, University of Kentucky*

Option B: You Graduated ... What's Next? Highlighting the scope, breadth and depth of the veterinary industry

*University of Kentucky Pre-Veterinary Advising*

**10:35-10:45 a.m. Break**

**10:45-11:15 a.m. Presentation**

Issues in veterinary medicine: Debt, mental health and work-life balance; How you can best prepare yourself for your future career

**11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Group Panel**

Successfully navigating your vet med career

*Drs. Cage Cruise, Holly Helbig, Erin Homerosky, Marty Riney and more!*

**12:30-2:00 p.m. Lunch**

**2:45 p.m. – Industry Tours and Discussions**

Option A: Equine veterinary career focus – Spy Coast Farm

Option B: Livestock veterinary career focus - Blue Grass Stockyards

Option C: Companion/Small animal career focus - Nicholasville Road Animal Hospital

Option D: Industry/Government career focus - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory tour

**5:30-8:30 p.m. Optional dinner at the Kentucky Horse Park, hosted by the Kentucky Horse Council. RSVP required. Limited seating available; RSVPs will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.**

5:30-6:00 p.m. Networking

6:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00-8:00 p.m. Discussion Panel

## Sponsors & Collaborators

