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Personal Information

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Work History

Jan 2026 – Present – St George's University (Grenada, West Indies)

Assistant Professor in the Department of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery.

July 2018 – Dec 2025 – Caledonia Vets (Aberdeenshire, UK)

Senior large animal vet in a busy mixed farm and equine practice. My main clinical responsibilities focused on farm and equine ambulatory work. As an RCVS-trained Veterinary Development Programme Advisor, I also mentored and guided our veterinary graduates through the VetGDP programme. I led the teaching, mentoring and supporting of 4th & 5th Year Vet Students on placement to perform clinical examinations, diagnosis and treatment plans in large animal ambulatory practice. Other responsibilities included leading and coordinating the daily workload of equine ambulatory patients, giving clinical guidance and support to colleagues, liaising with clients, involvement in recruitment and selection of new team members, and liaising with external bodies such as APHA and BEVA.

July 2017 – July 2018 – Provost Vets (Fife, UK)

A mixed farm and equine role. Equine work included diagnosis, treatment, and management of internal medicine conditions such as PPID, EMS, asthma, COPD, and EGUS. First opinion lameness investigations, treating emergencies such as wounds, cellulitis, diverse injuries, and colic. Routine work such as fertility, dental and standing castrations. Farm work included: routine fertility visits, herd health planning, OV routine testing, castrations, de-horning, and responding to emergencies such as calvings including C-sections.

Sept 2014 – July 2016 – Kernow Farm and Equine (Cornwall, UK)

My work here consisted of 40% equine, 60% farm. Farm work involved routine fertility visits, TB testing, responding to a variety of emergencies, calvings, lambings, surgical treatment of abomasal displacement etc. Equine responsibilities included first-opinion lameness investigations, reproductive ultrasound, endoscopy (GPW), dentistry, castrations, pre-purchase examinations and passports.

Oct 2013 – Sept 2014 - Westpoint Farm Vets (West Sussex, UK)

This veterinary group specialises in production animals. My work included routine fertility visits, TB testing and responding to emergencies such as calvings, C-sections and LDAs, etc. This was mainly with dairy farms but I also worked with suckler herds, sheep, goats and the occasional camelid.

June 2012 – July 2013 - Rathcormac Veterinary (Cork, Ireland)

Mixed practice working with 50% farm animal, 40% equine and 10% small animal. Large animal work involved mainly dairy cows in which I have considerable experience determining pregnancy and stage of gestation using scanner, assisting in calving, performing C-sections, treating prolapses, diagnosing and treating a range of diseases and TB testing. Equine work included treating colic, standing castrations, pregnancy diagnosis and treating lameness and injuries.

Feb 2012 – June 2012 - Lissava Stud (Tipperary, Ireland)

Resident vet during breeding season, I worked in all aspects of equine reproductive health. Work included routine examination and monitoring mares' reproductive cycles, scanning, swabbing, diagnosis and treatment of mare reproductive problems, collecting and processing semen, AI, pregnancy diagnosis, surgical correction of abnormal vulvar conformation, post foaling assessments, rehabilitating from injuries, wound management, treating colic, lameness and all routine medicine.

Jan 2007 – Dec 2011 - Avescal Veterinary Services (Salamanca, Spain)

Responsible for carrying out the government programme for the control and eradication of diseases. I travelled to various farms where daily work included testing for brucellosis and TB, vaccinating against brucellosis and blue tongue disease, communication with farmers and keeping meticulous computerized records.

July 2006 – Dec 2006 - Stud Farm El Cartujo (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Resident vet during breeding season where I attended to ~80 mares and worked in all aspects of equine reproductive health and routine medicine. Work involved daily scanning to detect ovulation and pregnancy, diagnosis and treatment of reproductive problems, performing Caslick's procedure, post foaling care, pre-purchase examinations and rehabilitating horses from surgeries and injuries.

June 2005 – June 2006 - La Mariana Polo Club (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

All clinical attention of sport horses including diagnosis, treatment and reproductive care. I attended to ~300 horses of various ages and work involved routine examination and monitoring of mares reproductive cycles, ovulation synchronization, AI using chilled or frozen semen, fertility investigations in sub-fertile mares, pregnancy diagnosis, diagnosis and treatment of reproductive problems, microscopic examination and fertility analysis of semen at the time of breeding to ensure the semen had survived transport, diagnosis and reduction of twin pregnancies, post foaling assessments, IgG tests and plasma transfusions, assisting in embryo transfer programme and monitoring the recipient mare.

June 2004 – Dec 2004 - Stud farm La Pomme (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Resident vet where I worked in all aspects of equine reproduction and clinical health care. Main work included reproductive evaluations, determining ovulation for cover, pregnancy diagnosis, foaling assistance and care of foals (~120 foals per season). I also regularly monitored general health, diagnosed and treated horses of all ages and monitored the breaking-in of young horses.

Education

Sept 2016 – June 2017 - Master in Animal Health and Food Safety (Pass with distinction)

University of Las Palmas

The programme involved both clinical work and clinical research and consisted of 3 main areas: animal health, food safety, and scientific method. I developed my clinical research skills and enhanced other important skills such as scientific writing, critical reading and statistical analysis of data.

Animal health focused mainly on the epidemiology of infectious and parasitic diseases; public health considerations; antimicrobial resistance and animal welfare.

Food safety included traceability, contaminants, new food sources, EU food safety regulations and veterinary border control.

In scientific method, areas addressed included the basics of chromatography, conventional polymerase chain reaction, microarray, flow cytometry, biostatistics tools (R Studio) and computational biology (Finch TV, Gene runner and Bioedit).

May 2004 - Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine

National University of Central Buenos Aires (UNICEN)

Comprehensive 5 + 1 year programme met all requirements laid down by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and the Veterinary Directives of the European Union. The course included academic study and clinical practice. Here I acquired a solid base of veterinary knowledge and confidence in my abilities. During a number of clinical placements I learned how to approach patients and clients and started applying what I had learned.

Publications

Larghi, M. (2018). Comparative study in the control of bovine viral diarrhea. Animal Health Research Reviews, 1–9.

Professional Development

Sept 2023 - VetGDP Advisor

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)

I trained as an advisor on the Veterinary Graduate Development Programme (VetGDP). This course allowed me to develop my skills and knowledge to deliver effective workplace-based support for veterinary graduates as they begin their first role in our practice. By focusing on the development of their clinical and professional capabilities, the aim is for graduates to become competent, resilient members of the veterinary team.

Dec 2022 - Coaching and Mentoring Applied in Practice (CVS)

This training course for veterinary mentors gave me the skills needed to develop graduate veterinary surgeons into competent veterinary professionals. It helped me cultivate my mentoring skills to improve the day-to-day

experiences of new graduate vets and to support them to perform to the best of their ability.

April 2019 – Pre-purchase Examination

British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA)

These workshops provided all the essential information to allow me to confidently perform a five-stage vetting in line with RCVS, BEVA and VDS recommendations. This practical programme included examining horses with reference to wind, eyes, heart, ageing, flexion tests, conformation and intended use. The skills gained include:

- being able to confidently perform a five-stage vetting
- being able to recognise and interpret cardiac, respiratory, and ophthalmic abnormalities
- being able to assess gait abnormalities
- understanding the pitfalls of Pre-Purchase Examination
- being able to recognise and communicate contentious findings

Interests

I am a very active person and enjoy many outdoor activities. I am particularly passionate about surfing and snowboarding. I am also an advanced open water scuba diver. I love getting outdoors with my family and Labradors. I also enjoy rugby, although these days watching more than playing. While living in Aberdeenshire, I took up golf and archery.