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Dear Susie

I am a partner in the Garston Veterinary Group based in Frome, Somerset. We are a large veterinary practice working out of a number of sites in Somerset and Wiltshire. The practice operates as a partnership with 8 equity partners and we currently employ 92 members of staff in a variety of roles. The practice is divided into departments covering farm animals, companion animals and horses and as the service level demanded by our client's increases we have a need to employ appropriately trained members of staff to assist the veterinary surgeons and to carry out independent roles within the practice.

**City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Applied Science) (1080)**

We would like to support the above qualification.

We feel that the skills and knowledge gained by taking this qualification could give a young person an advantage when applying for a job within our veterinary group practice.

Within our business, the sort of job role that they could apply for would be as a:

- Lay assistant carrying out designated tasks on farms in support of our farm animal vet team.
- Animal care assistant – managing the day to day care of our companion animal patients under the supervision of our veterinary nursing team.
- Equine technician assisting the equine vet team with the investigation and treatment of horses.
- Lab technician working in our practice laboratory

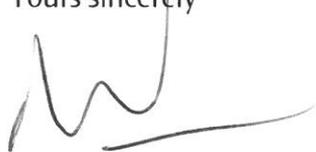
In particular, we would look for individuals who had the following skills and knowledge, and these are included in the qualification:

Working safely with and around animals, animal health and welfare, animal handling, preparing and cleaning animal accommodation, knowledge of animal feeding and nutrition, understanding animal behaviour, knowledge of animal breeds and breeding. Experience with a wide range of animal species including companion animals plus exotics, avian and zoo animals would be a particular advantage to our business.

In addition, we would welcome the skills and knowledge association with the science units, for example lab techniques and scientific report writing. The investigative project would also be of value as it would allow them to pull all these skills together.

We confirm that we are happy for our name and logo to be publicly available on the City & Guilds website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N.A. Brimson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

N.A. Brimson  
Equine Partner  
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