



## Faculty of Veterinary Science Commitment Statement

<b>Category:</b> (please tick one)	<input type="checkbox"/> International Applicant (Off-shore) <input type="checkbox"/> International Applicant (sitting the NSW HSC or equivalent) <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Recent School Leaver <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Non-Recent School Leaver
<b>UAC Ref #</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>E-mail:</b>	

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.

The Commitment Statement will be used as a selection tool for all applicants in combination with the UAI or GPA and STAT or ISAT.

***Veterinary/ Animal Handling/Animal Welfare Experience***

*List below the names and addresses of veterinary or other related establishments (practices/laboratories/wildlife/care facilities etc) where you have obtained experience of an animal related nature (attach supporting documentation).*

Name of the establishment, and the name, address and telephone number of a suitable contact at the establishment.	Type(s) of experience	Number of days attended

A list of some skills with domestic animals appears in the table below. Please tick below all relevant animal handling skills, indicating the level of involvement.

Your experience will be moderated by your later stated opportunities to interact with animals.

Observed	Means you have witnessed the procedure
Done	Means you have performed the procedure with or without supervision

HORSES	Observed	Done
Assess normal condition & behaviour		
Haltering		
Leading		
Tying up		
Grooming		
Rugging		
Bridling		
Saddle a horse		
Prepare a horse for transport; leg, tail bandages		
Loading of horse into transport		
Restraint of horse with a twitch		
Pick-up forelimb		
Pick-up hindlimb		
Clean out hooves		
CATTLE (Dairy & Beef)	Observed	Done
Mustering		
Drafting		
Use of cattle crush		
Restraint using ropes and nose pliers		
Trim feet		
Calf castration (observation only)		
Vaccination		
Drench		
De-horn/disbud calves (observation only)		
Hand milk; strip milk sample for mastitis test		
Machine milking		
Rectal examination		
SHEEP	Observed	Done
Mustering		
Drafting		
Catch and tip up sheep		
Restrain sheep in sitting position		
Restrain sheep in standing position		
Restrain in handling cradle or race		
Condition score of sheep		
Earmark		
Eartag		
Feet trim		
Feet bath		
Lamb castration (observation only)		
Lamb tail dock (observation only)		

Sheep dagging and simple flystrike treatment		
Crutch		
Shear		
Vaccinate		
Drench		
Jet		
Dip		
<b>PIG</b>	Observed	Done
Moving pigs between pens and for transport		
Restraint of older pigs		
Catch and holding piglets		
Injecting piglets and older pigs		
Tail docking (observation only)		
Clipping of eye teeth (observation only)		
Ear marking/tattooing (observation only)		
<b>POULTRY</b>	Observed	Done
Catch a bird in a pen		
Remove a bird from a cage		
Restrain a bird for physical examination		
<b>CATS</b>	Observed	Done
Lift a cat		
Restrain a cat for an injection		
Take rectal temperature		
Dose a cat with a tablet		
Trim claws		
Restrain a cat for a physical examination		
Determine the sex of a cat		
Restrain a cat on its side		
<b>DOGS</b>	Observed	Done
Fit a flat collar		
Fit a muzzle		
Lift a small dog (<15 kg)		
Lift a large dog (>15 kg) with assistance		
Dose a dog with a tablet		
Restrain a dog for an injection		
Take rectal temperature		
Trim claws		
Express anal sacs (observation only)		
Restrain a dog for physical examination		

***Additional Information***

*Please use the space below to add any further information that may support your application. For example you may have experience with rabbits, reptiles, birds or aquatic species. You may include explanations of how you may have lacked opportunity to handle animals. Please do not exceed the space provided.*

***Reflective Statement***

*Select one of the procedures listed above that you have performed (not just observed). State the procedure and in **200 words or less** reflect on the discomfort to the animal the procedure may have caused and the benefits to the health and welfare of the animal. **Please do not exceed the word limit.***

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Procedure:

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Reflections:

I certify that all the above details are complete and correct. I am aware, should my application be successful, that my current self-assessment of handling skills may be subject to close scrutiny.

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

<b>NOTE:</b> It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all supporting documentation is attached. Applications submitted without supporting documentation will not be processed. Please do not send original documents, only certified copies. Please note we do not accept emails or facsimiles.
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**Domestic applicants along with International Applicants sitting the NSW HSC (or equivalent within Australia) should return completed forms and documentation **by 30 November 2009** to:**

**University of Sydney  
Undergraduate Admissions  
Faculty of Veterinary Science  
Room 218, JD Stewart Building (B01)  
Sydney NSW 2006**

**Off-shore international applicants should submit their completed “Commitment to Veterinary Science” along with their STAT, ISAT or GRE® results to the International Office, University of Sydney, upon application.**