



Veterinary Internship in Ophthalmology at The Ralph Veterinary Referral Centre

Passionate about ophthalmology?

Ready to take your veterinary surgeon career to the next level in 2026?

Join our dynamic team at The Ralph in southeast England (Marlow), the UK's largest independent multidisciplinary specialist referral centre, where we're offering a unique internship opportunity.

You will join our large team (~260 Ralpers) in a hospital with a busy referral caseload and excellent facilities.

We are looking for a dedicated, enthusiastic veterinary surgeon with a keen interest in veterinary ophthalmology to start a one-year speciality internship. The start date is open for discussion, and the internship may be extended by mutual agreement.

The successful candidate will join our Ophthalmology team, which includes three ECVO Diplomates, two residency-trained clinicians, two residents, an intern and three nurses.

As an intern in our Ophthalmology Service, you will have the opportunity to:

- Be involved in all aspects of the Ophthalmology Service
- Assist with referral consultations, in-patient care, and ophthalmic surgeries (extraocular and intraocular), including 'scrubbing in' for cataract operations.
- Gain hands-on experience in referral consultations and minor procedures (e.g. ocular ultrasound, ERG, diamond burr debridement, TPA injections, aqueoparacentesis, eyelid tacking, subpalpebral lavage system placement).
- Work collaboratively with the Wards and ICU staff to help care for ophthalmology patients.
- Perform ophthalmic examinations for patients from other services, with support from senior clinicians where required.
- Participate in the out-of-hours rota for weeknights and weekends with senior clinician support.
- Perform in-house presentations
- Write a case report or similar publication, with the clinician team's support to help your scientific writing develop.

Your work will be facilitated by full clinician support based on your experience and development throughout the internship.

During the internship, you will work in close contact with diplomates in all disciplines, including but not limited to Diagnostic Imaging, Emergency and Critical Care, Internal Medicine, Neurology and Neurosurgery and Oncology.



You will receive pastoral support from within your service, our Resident and Vet Intern Support Officers, and others. You will have regular check-ins and feedback opportunities.

The Ralph workplace focuses on core values, culture, vision and mission. We emphasise kindness, compassion and empathy for all our communities. As an independent hospital, we have the freedom and flexibility to chart our own course.

Marlow is located on the River Thames between Henley and Windsor in southeast England. This is a beautiful area with lovely walks, water-based activities and more. Our hospital is just off the A404 with easy access from the M4 and M40 motorways and close to London. Marlow is conveniently located only 25 minutes from Heathrow Airport, 45 minutes from Luton Airport and one hour from Gatwick or Stansted Airport.

If you want more information on the clinical role, please contact Heidi Featherstone (Head of Ophthalmology) at heidi.featherstone@theralph.vet.

To Apply

Please email sophie.dowdeswell@theralph.vet (PA to Shailen Jasani; Founder, CEO & Clinical Director) to apply.

Applications should include an up-to-date CV and a cover letter.

Requirements:

- You must be an MRCVS and already eligible to work in the United Kingdom. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer visa sponsorship at this time.
- English speaker (native, bilingual, professional)

Benefits:

- Salary: £32,000
- Others: Generous CPD allowance, support for Certificates and more.

Internships last twelve months, and we may extend them by mutual agreement.

The closing date for applications is the 28th November 2025.