



Doing the DipECSRHM in an alternative residency

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Background

- Graduated July 2012 (Cambridge)
- JCTS with RVC-Synergy Farm Health
- 27 vet farm animal practice in South West
 - Commercial case load
 - Approximately 50,000 ewes
- Vet Techs, in-house SQPs, in-house laboratory, nearby PM facility
- Collaboration with the Royal Veterinary College



Why a residency in practice vs. university?

- Established flock based large caseload
- Opportunities for flocks i.e. participation in research
- Opportunities for business expansion
- Position after completion of residency
- Opportunities for knowledge transfer within team





Supervisors

- **Residency Supervisor**

- Fiona Lovatt BVSc PhD DSHP DipECSRHM MRCVS
- Is the diplomat on target to fulfil ECSRHM requirements?
- Peripheral support
- Contact with ECSRHM



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- **Residency Advisor**

- Kat Bazeley BSc BVSc CertWEL MRCVS
- Holistic care, support with cases,





Concerns of doing in practice

- Time
 - Making time in the working week
 - How long will the residency take?
- Case follow up – limited due to flock budgets
- Generating research in practice
 - Budget, time
- No opportunity for hospitalisation at SFH
- Athens login?
- Access to teaching?
- CPD
 - Budget, impact on rota





My residency diary

- Work full time
 - Caseload ranges from 40%-100% sheep
 - Be realistic!
- One day a week for residency work
- Teaching
- Seasonal flexibility
- (Un)-limited CPD
- Time for travel (Spain, Norway, Greece, Germany, Spain)
- Time to develop business projects (independent of ECSRHM work)
 - Continue to develop caseload, services
- Holiday





Opportunities

- Goat Veterinary Society Committee
- Sheep Veterinary Society Committee
- NSA South West Committee
- AHDB Developing Sheep Expertise
- Conference presentations
 - ECSRHM Freiberg 2016
 - ISVC 2017
 - BCVA 2017
 - SVS, GVS (2015,2016,2017)



Organic Research Council Presentation 2016
“Sheep and Trees”

A note about goats

- Do you have the case load?
 - Milking sheep
 - Milking goat
- If not where are you going to get the exposure?





Publications-my root

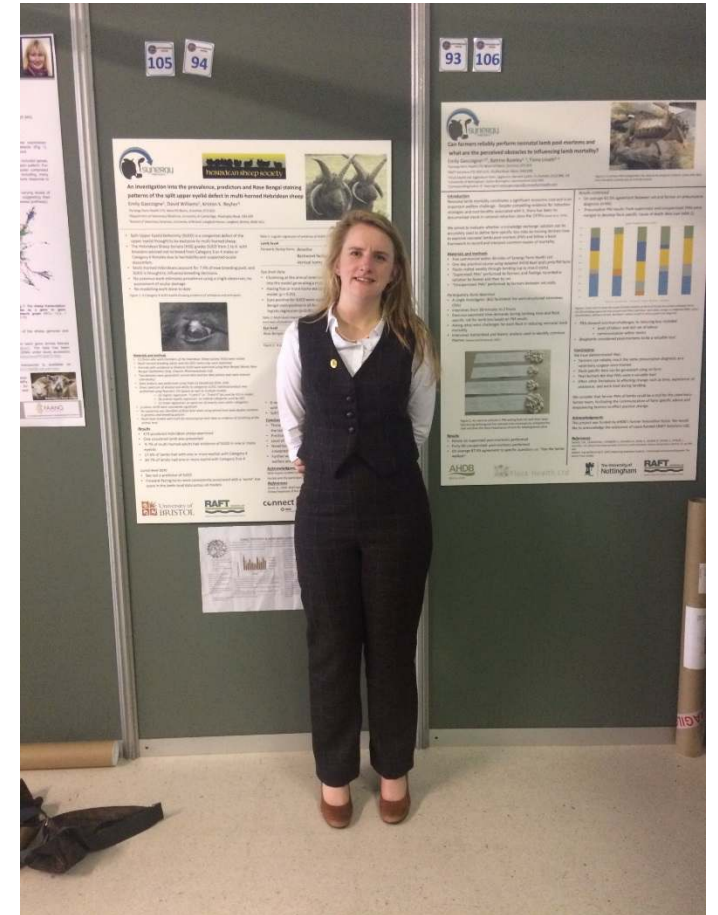
Peer reviewed

- 2 original pieces of research (first author)
- 1 original piece of research (co-author)
- 2 InPractice articles
- 2 Livestock articles

- Further two pieces of work in peer-review

Non peer-reviewed

- Case reports- not for publication
- Contribution to the veterinary press including letters to the Veterinary Record





Practically for a practitioner- is this you?

- Support ***ESSENTIAL***
- Self-motivated and can structure your own learning ***ESSENTIAL***
- Caseload ***ESSENTIAL***
- Inquisitive
 - Athens login!
 - Research?
 - Literature review?
- Resourceful
- Communicator
- Vision





A comment from my employer:

“The practice has to be 100% committed and realistic regarding resourcing this; but even with this support the individual on the course has to be highly self-motivated and determined – not for the feint hearted !”





Conclusion

- The two single biggest determinants of success:
 - You
 - Your employer
- Positive business decision for practice- now enough work for second sheep vet
- My farmers are “doing the residency with me”
- Huge opportunities for knowledge transfer within practice
- Huge opportunities for networking, consultancy in industry



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