

Report on My Veterinary Clinical Practice Experience

During my veterinary clinical practice, I gained valuable hands-on experience in a veterinary clinic while enjoying the vibrant culture of Malta. The clinic, QVC Qormi, located in the town of Qormi, provided a solid foundation for learning with reliable equipment and facilities. However, the opportunity to immerse myself in Malta's unique charm truly enriched this experience.

Malta is an incredible place to visit. Even in December, temperatures average around 18 degrees Celsius, making it a warm escape during winter. The island's sunny climate and picturesque views create a relaxing atmosphere. From stunning coastlines to historical sites, Malta offers endless opportunities to explore its rich heritage and natural beauty.

The people in Malta are equally wonderful. Everyone I met was friendly and welcoming. Communication was effortless, as English is widely spoken, making it easy to integrate into the local community. Whether chatting with colleagues at the clinic or interacting with locals, I always felt supported.

During my stay, I lived in Msida, which was about a 30-minute walk from the clinic in Qormi. Malta's small size makes it easy to get around by car, but public transport can be unreliable, with buses often delayed. For anyone planning a similar experience, I recommend choosing accommodation close to the clinic or ensuring a good transport connection.

At the clinic, I assisted veterinarians during consultations and surgical procedures. In consultations, I observed interactions between veterinarians and clients and helped with tasks like taking temperatures and assisting with physical exams. The veterinarians were patient and supportive, taking time after consultations to explain cases in English. They described symptoms, diagnoses, and treatments, ensuring I understood. I was encouraged to ask questions, which deepened my knowledge.

Observing and assisting during surgical procedures was particularly exciting. Under the guidance of experienced veterinarians, I helped prepare the surgical area, sterilize instruments, and set up monitoring equipment. I assisted with pre-operative tasks like positioning patients and preparing them for anesthesia. I observed surgical techniques and gained insight into the decision-making process during procedures. The veterinarians explained each step and highlighted challenges, making the experience highly educational.

The clinic's team was one of the most positive aspects of my practice. The veterinarians, nurses, and support staff were welcoming and created a collaborative environment where learning was encouraged. After each procedure, they explained everything in English, ensuring I understood not only what they did but also why they chose a particular approach. Their openness made it easy to clarify doubts and understand clinical decisions. Observing their professionalism and empathy taught me valuable lessons about client relations and teamwork.

My time at the veterinary clinic was incredibly enriching. The combination of hands-on learning, a supportive team, and the vibrant culture of Malta made this practice unforgettable. This experience enhanced my practical skills, communication, and problem-solving abilities. I left Malta with a deeper understanding of veterinary practice and fond memories of this beautiful country.

