



Dipartimento di Scienze Veterinarie

Università di Pisa



Interim Report 2025

Department of Veterinary Sciences
University of Pisa



Name and location of the Veterinary Education Establishment (VEE)

Department of Veterinary Sciences (DVS) of the University of Pisa.

The VEE operates across two main sites:

- Pisa, Viale delle Piagge, 2 – This is the primary location, hosting the administrative offices, lecture halls, and research laboratories. It is situated near the city's green areas, offering a conducive environment for academic and research activities.
- San Piero a Grado, Via Livornese – This site hosts the Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH), where clinical training and practical experiences take place. It is equipped with modern facilities for companion animal, equine, and livestock medicine, allowing students to engage in real-world veterinary practice.

The two sites are expected to fully merge in two years.

Name and details of the current VEE's Head and the head(s) of the VTH

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Date of the completion of the Interim Report

Approved by the Department Council on April 8, 2025.

Date of the previous visitations

Previous visitations of the VEE included a Full Visitation, which took place on April 4-8, 2022, and a subsequent Revisitation on March 20-22, 2023.

Any major changes which may affect the compliance with the ESEVT Standards since the previous (R)SER/IR

No major changes have occurred since the RSER and related Revisitation report.

Progress in the correction of:

Major Deficiencies (non-compliance with the ESEVT Standards)

The final report as issued by ECOVE on June 7, 2023, following the Revisitation on March 20-22, 2023, reported full compliance with ESEVT standards. The VEE had corrected the two major deficiencies identified during the Full Visitation.

Minor Deficiencies (partial compliance with the ESEVT Standards)

The final report as issued by ECOVE on June 7, 2023, following the Revisitation on March 20-22, 2023, reported actions made by the VEE on 4 minor deficiencies:

- *Minor Deficiency 1 – 3.1.3: Suboptimal clinical training in exotic pets.*

The VEE is committed to maintaining the achieved caseload on exotic pets, as shown by the relevant indicator (I11); no changes have been made to the curriculum hours devoted to specific training on exotics.

- *Minor Deficiency 2 – 4.7: Suboptimal ambulatory clinic for ruminants*

At Revisitation, the VEE had put in place a continuous compulsory training program within the ambulatory clinic service, which led to a substantial improvement in the number of cases related to ruminants. Students participating in meetings with the RV team reported positive experiences during their PPT. The relevant caseload doubled in 2021-2024 compared to 2019-2022. Indicator I9 is above the VEE's median values.

- *Minor Deficiency 3 – 4.9: Suboptimal Good Pharmacy Practice (GPP)*

This minor deficiency resulted completely amended at the Revisitation. The VTH pharmacy undergoes periodic certification under UNI EN ISO 9001:2015 and inspections by the NAS (Nuclei Antisofisticazione e Sanità, a unit of the Italian Army corps “Carabinieri”). The status and the procedures applied in the pharmacy are continuously inspected by the state.

- *Minor Deficiency 4 – 5.1: Suboptimal diversity of cadavers for anatomical dissections and suboptimal caseload in necropsy*

While this minor deficiency resulted completely amended at the Revisitation, indicator I15 is still below the minimum values in the ESEVT table relevant to this Interim Report. However, the I15 value has more than doubled since the Full Visitation. The VEE has recruited a specific FTE, who started in the academic year 2024-2025, to address this issue. Values for 2024-2025 are already satisfactory at the time of writing this Interim Report (in 5 out of 12 months).

Plans for the near future

The VEE has adopted a new organizational structure,  fully complying with the quality management of the strategic plan,  thus ensuring full transparency of roles and responsibilities. The VEE expects to move to the new site (next to the VTH) by the end of 2026.

Annex: Updated Excel table with ESEVT Indicators

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ESEVT Indicators

Name of the VEE:		Department of Veterinary Sciences - University of Pisa				
Date of the form filling:		30 November 2024				
Calculated Indicators from raw data			VEE	Median	Minimal	Balance³
			values	values¹	values²	
I1	n° of FTE teaching staff involved in veterinary training / n° of undergraduate students		0,128	0,15	0,13	0,002
I2	n° of FTE veterinarians involved in veterinary training / n° of students graduating annually		0,812	0,84	0,63	0,182
I3	n° of FTE support staff involved in veterinary training / n° of students graduating annually		0,982	0,88	0,54	0,442
I4	n° of hours of practical (non-clinical) training		746,333	953,50	700,59	45,743
I5	n° of hours of Core Clinical Training (CCT)		747,667	941,58	704,80	42,867
I6	n° of hours of VPH (including FSQ) training		481,000	293,50	191,80	289,200
I7	n° of hours of extra-mural practical training in VPH (including FSQ)		93,000	75,00	31,80	61,200
I8	n° of companion animal patients seen intra-murally and extra-murally / n° of students graduating annually		79,927	67,37	44,01	35,917
I9	n° of individual ruminants and pig patients seen intra-murally and extra-murally / n° of students graduating annually		21,204	18,75	9,74	11,464
I10	n° of equine patients seen intra-murally and extra-murally / n° of students graduating annually		21,314	5,96	2,15	19,164
I11	n° of rabbit, rodent, bird and exotic seen intra-murally and extra-murally/ n° of students graduating annually		2,869	3,11	1,16	1,709
I12	n° of visits to ruminant and pig herds / n° of students graduating annually		1,569	1,29	0,54	1,029
I13	n° of visits of poultry and farmed rabbit units / n° of students graduating annually		0,088	0,11	0,04	0,043
I14	n° of companion animal necropsies / n° of students graduating annually		2,482	2,11	1,40	1,082
I15	n° of ruminant and pig necropsies / n° of students graduating annually		0,650	1,36	0,90	-0,250
I16	n° of equine necropsies / n° of students graduating annually		0,212	0,18	0,10	0,112
I17	n° of rabbit, rodent, bird and exotic pet necropsies / n° of students graduating annually		1,467	2,65	0,88	0,587
I18	n° of FTE specialised veterinarians involved in veterinary training / n° of students graduating annually		0,430	0,27	0,06	0,370
I19	n° of PhD graduating annually / n° of students graduating annually		0,175	0,15	0,07	0,105
1	Median values defined by data from VEEs with Accreditation/Approval status in May 2019					
2	Recommended minimal values calculated as the 20th percentile of data from VEEs with Accreditation/Approval status in May 2019					
3	A negative balance indicates that the Indicator is below the recommended minimal value					
*	Indicators used only for statistical purpose					