

## **Erasmus Memories 2019 / 2020 ,winter semester .**

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The last semester of veterinary medicine ... in Košice!

The eleventh semester of veterinary medicine is not only the last call to experience an adventure called the Erasmus program, but also the moment when matching items and establishing program compliance is the easiest. Classes in the last semester are mostly clinical classes, hence it is a great opportunity to test your knowledge at a foreign university.

The University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice is a place where a high level of veterinary services and a global level of treatment meets a climatic academic town adapted to the needs of students. A very important thing to do after arriving in Košice is to get an ISIC card, i.e. an international student ID. In addition to a number of discounts accepted in most European countries, an ID card issued in Košice will allow us to open doors in clinics, enter a dormitory or open a parking barrier. An additional convenience is wi-fi internet, which we can use throughout the campus.

Clinical classes were divided into four blocks including horses, pigs, small and large ruminants and a hospital for accompanying animals. The pig clinic, where the first classes took place, surprised us with an individual approach to each patient. On the first day, a group of three students was assigned a patient whom they were to monitor throughout the internship. In addition, a different topic was carried out each day with practical activities (e.g. pregnancy diagnosis in sows).

The next internship took place in a horse clinic, where a group of exchange students took care of the hospital and took part in daily examinations of horses staying there. The horse clinic is also a thriving subunit in which diagnostic and surgical procedures are performed. As foreign students, we were very well received, and English was also included in communication with us.

In addition to classes in the ruminant hospital, where we dealt with goats, sheep and cows every day, conducting a clinical examination as well as veterinary procedures under the supervision of a doctor, we organized a 3-day trip to the farm. Classes there were divided into orthopedic and obstetric parts. We accompanied the doctor in everyday procedures on the farm.

The last clinic dealt mainly with the treatment of dogs and cats, but also exotic animals. The surgical part consisted of a dozen or so treatment and operational rooms (it was not difficult to get lost), and a number of procedures performed each day were written on the board, hence the option of choosing which procedure we want to assist on.

The university provides accommodation in a dormitory located about 10 minutes walk from the university. On the first floor, other Erasmus program participants are accommodated in neighboring rooms, hence meeting people from all over the world is much easier. If you're just wondering whether to go for a veterinary exchange - it's a sign that you should do it! Such a chance may never happen again. A stay at a foreign university broadens your horizons, opens you up to people and allows you to develop professionally.

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