

Hello,

Our names are Aleksandra, Malgorzata and Sara. We have chosen Košice as our destination in the Erasmus+ program. Our decision was based on the fact that Košice is a city that enchanted us. We consider the whole of Slovakia an interesting place. We also wanted to learn how to work with large animals such as cows and horses, as well as with small ruminants and pigs, which we haven't had a chance to work with in our home country.

When we arrived in Košice, we were welcomed by the wonderful mountainous surroundings. We stayed in a dormitory right next to the Hradova Mountain with a panoramic view of the whole city and immediately started sightseeing. From our experience, we can recommend the beautiful old town of Košice, the ZOO and its surrounding area, e.g. Kavecany, beautiful viewpoints, and the ruins of an old castle on Mount Hradova.

We also went on a trip to the Tatra Mountains, organized by ESN Košice. We visited the area around Strbske and Popradske lakes.

We also went on a trip to Hungary. We visited Miskolc thermal baths and beautiful Budapest.

Our training at UVLF Kosice started with practical exercises at the horse clinic. We performed per rectum, inhalations, applied bandages among other activities. Every morning, we made rounds and checked temperature, pulse and breathing of the patients staying in the clinic. We were also able to assist in colic surgery on a 24-year-old mare and in arthroscopy of the pastern joint on an Arabian horse.



Afterwards, we had an internship at the dog and cat clinic, where we learned mainly about internal medicine. We learned a lot about Addison's disease and Rubarth's disease. We also developed our knowledge of cytology and microscopy. We saw a lot of cytological preparations, blood and urine

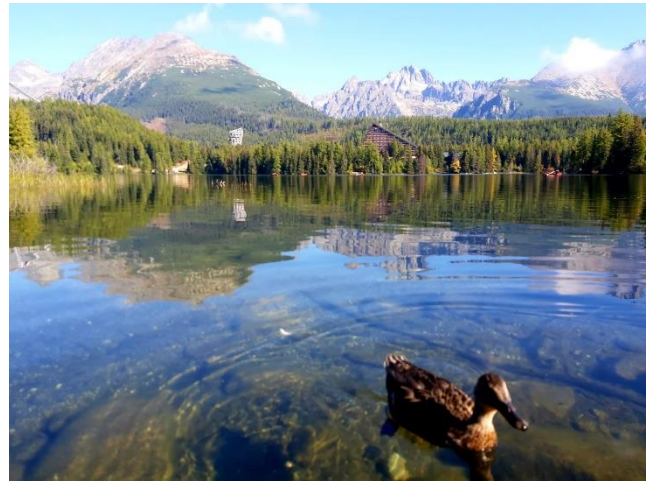
smears. We could count on substantive and practical support in this clinic thanks to a very understanding teacher.

After the above-mentioned practice, we had the opportunity to go to a farm where we learned a lot about working with cattle. We deepened our knowledge on orthopedics, reproduction and insemination of cattle.

At the pig clinic, we each got our own animal to take care of and by examining our patients every day and taking care of them we learned a lot about these fantastic animals. We were able to perform a castration procedure on piglets, we learned new skills and information about wound hygiene, medication administration, and caring for piglets from birth.

At the end of our stay, we partook in practical classes at the ruminants clinic. There, we focused on small ruminants and performed ultrasound of tendons, pregnancy, ovaries. We were able to draw blood from the zygomatic vein on our own, and we learned how to tame small ruminants.

We will remember our Erasmus+ adventure as a wonderful conclusion to our 5.5 years of studies.



For future students going to this university, we recommend frequent contact with the coordinator, Mr. Mario Segurado. Mr. Mario Segurado provided us with massive support in every situation.

The people in Slovakia are very friendly. We've never had any unpleasant situations from either the teachers or the local people.

We recommend the Erasmus+ program and Košice as a break from your home university, while at the same time being able to make a lot of fun memories for a lifetime.