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Ms Madeleine Forsyth

Occupation: Veterinary Surgeon

Qualifications: BVSc, MRCVS, CertWEL, OVS

Explanation of Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Qualifications: Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
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Official Veterinary Surgeon

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Legal references: (none at present)

Areas of Expertise: All aspects of general veterinary practice,
veterinary medicine and surgery
Domestic/companion animals (pets)
Animal behaviour
Dogs and canine behaviour
Farm animals and livestock
Horses and equestrian matters
Horse riding accidents
Horse racing and training
Equine health and safety (in particular,

relating to performance horses,
racehorses, eventers and show jumpers)
Animal health and welfare
Animal protection and rights
Veterinary and wildlife pathology
Animal transport
Veterinary negligence

NB : Madeleine Forsyth is happy to provide a free initial telephone consultation in relation to any veterinary-related case (up to 15 mins).

Background information :-

Madeleine Forsyth has lived in North Yorkshire all her life and has been actively involved in mixed veterinary practice for 25 years. She first worked as a veterinary surgeon in Thirsk, before establishing her own mixed rural practice in Helmsley in 1983. She has recently retired from clinical practice and is currently training to become a barrister. She has acted as an expert witness for over 20 years, and her experience covers a wide range of veterinary disciplines.

Since 1979 she has acted as Consultant to racecourses, including Beverley, Thirsk, Catterick, Redcar and Doncaster - providing casualty cover - and as a Veterinary Officer to the Jockey Club.

Whilst practising in Hemsley, her client base, situated within the North York Moors, included a significant number of hunts, shooting syndicates and gamekeepers - which has led to her evidence being heard in Court in cases related to the Badgers Act, Protection of Animals Act, RSPCA prosecutions as well as the defence of similar allegations.

She has gained experience of regulatory matters through working as a Local Veterinary Inspector ('LVI') for DEFRA and as an Official Veterinary Surgeon ('OVS') for the Meat Hygiene Service. She has held contracts to provide veterinary service in meat plants in Northern England and has 24 years ♦ experience of meat hygiene work.

Trained in the legal aspects of report writing, giving evidence in court and in the responsibilities of a Single Joint Expert.

No. of reports written in last 12 months : 30+
No. of reports prepared in last 3 years : 40+
No. of court appearances in last 12 months : 20+
Geographical area of work : All of UK and worldwide

Memberships of other professional associations :-

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons ([web site](#))
Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law Veterinary Association ([web site](#))
Veterinary Association for Arbitration and Jurisprudence ([web site](#))
Association of Equine Lawyers

Single Joint Expert trained

Institute :  Membership No. (not known)

Law Society:  

S & M:  

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