



Andrew - Veterinary Technician

From school leaver to being an award winner, veterinary technician Andrew is at the top of his field.

Andrew always liked animals but when he left school, he had little idea of what he wanted to do. He applied for a job as a veterinary technician at the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) and studied Applied Biology. Nowadays he is head of the anatomy service at the RVC, which involves demonstrating in undergraduate classes, supervising other veterinary technicians and advising on cutting-edge research. “

The best bit of Andrew’s job is interacting with people. “I enjoy teaching a new cohort of students every year, they all have different experience and skills, which makes it really interesting.” The RVC also run events for the general public and Andrew takes the lead doing demonstrations and dissections. “Interacting with the public is great – they never tire of seeing the gory bits of a dissection!” He was even awarded an MBE in recognition for his work encouraging young people to consider a career in science.

According to Andrew, if you are interested in animals, then being a veterinary technician is a great career to consider. “Seeing the incredible way that muscles, bones, nerves and blood vessels work together to allow animals to do the things they do is amazing. The diversity of animals on the planet is so great that you learn something new every day.”

1978
O Levels in biology, maths, English and woodwork.

1980
A Level Zoology. Joined the Royal Veterinary College as a technician.

1985
HNC in Applied Biology, with Physiology and Pharmacology.

2000
Chief Technician.

2012
MBE awarded and appointed Head of Anatomy Service at the RVC.

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