Farm practice links with RVC to train students

SYNERGY Farm Health is to provide training to final-year students from the RVC who will spend two weeks at the practice as part of the compulsory farm animal placement. This will be spread over 48 weeks of each year.

Up to 12 students at a time will be taught by practice vets as well as experiencing on-farm practice. The training will remain separate to the main practice with a dedicated team providing students with planned farm visits rather than students attending client visits.

Synergy Farm Health has created a new lecture room and accommodation at its practice in Evershot, Dorset, and in return expects to benefit from access to RVC resources and research.

Andrew Davies, managing director of Synergy Farm Health, describes it as a fantastic opportunity to promote farm animal veterinary medicine to a large group of student vets who will soon be delivering health and productivity to farmers in the UK.

A statement from the practice says that the contract is expected to have a positive effect on the local economy with local shops and pubs generating income from the visiting students.



Synergy Farm Health and RVC students celebrate the opening of the new study centre. Pictured with the students are (from left): Mark Burnell, clinical lead at Synergy Farm Health; John Hoskin, farmer; Professor David Church, RVC vice-principal; and Andrew Davies, managing director of Synergy Farm Health.