



## RE-VISITATION REPORT

To the Veterinary Education Establishment (VEE) of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona,  
Barcelona, Spain

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## Introduction

An ESEVT team evaluated the VEE of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) in October 2025. In December 2025, ECOVE concluded that:

- The VEE is non-compliant with Standard 3.1.3 because of insufficient exposure of students to emergency clinical cases in equine.
- The VEE is non-compliant with Standard 4.9 because the implemented biosecurity protocols are inconsistent with the biosecurity principles.
- The VEE is partially compliant with standard 4.3 because the hospitalisation boxes do not fully comply with Animal Health Standards.
- The VEE is partially compliant with Standard 4.8 because the organisation of students' transportation to some external practice sites is sub-optimal regarding student safety. Notably, the appropriate insurance policy is insufficiently communicated to the students with regard to liability.

The VEE has asked for a Re-visitation (RV), which was well prepared and organised in full agreement with the SOP.

The ESEVT SOP 2023 is valid for this RV.

## 1. Correction of the Major Deficiencies

**1.1. Major Deficiency 1:** The VEE is non-compliant with Standard 3.1.3 because of insufficient exposure of students to emergency clinical cases in equine.

### 1.1.1. Findings

From November 2025, additional hours of supervised clinical training at the equine teaching hospital were added for the 4th and 5<sup>th</sup>-year students.

During the 4th year, 14 additional mandatory training hours are integrated into the teaching program. This enables all students to gain experience of dealing with equine emergencies during afternoon, night and weekend shifts.

In addition, interactive case-based activities are organised on the Moodle platform to reinforce the emergency preparedness of students.

During the 5th year, exposure to practical equine teaching was increased to 31 hours per student (6 hours before). Additional hours were mainly organised for night and weekend shifts.

Clinical cases are registered in the logbook, which is checked by the teaching staff responsible for the course.

**1.1.2. Comments**

Increasing clinical teaching hours in 4th and 5th years in the equine species allows all students to participate in afternoon clinical activities, night and weekend shifts, intensive care and emergency services. The additional interactive activities available on the Moodle platform help to enhance the training in equine emergency care.

**1.1.3. Suggestions**

None.

**1.1.4. Decision**

The deficiency has been fully rectified.

**1.2. Major Deficiency 2:** The VEE is non-compliant with Standard 4.9 because the implemented biosecurity protocols are inconsistent with the biosecurity principles.

**1.2.1. Findings**

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for student use were purchased by the VEE with clear differentiation by area. A centralised external industry laundry service is used and managed by the VEE. Each location has its own collection point of PPE. Students are no longer allowed to transport and wash PPE by themselves.

In addition, a new dedicated changing room area has been established inside the VTH, with a dedicated collection point for used PPE after VTH hours.

**1.2.2. Comments**

PPE are clearly limited to each special location (necropsy, teaching farm, VTH and anatomy). Students are required to use the PPE provided by the VEE in each area.

The Biosafety Manual was updated and clearly states that the cleaning and disinfection of the PPE used by students in each area is under the responsibility of the VEE.

**1.2.3. Suggestions**

None.

**1.2.4. Decision**

The deficiency has been fully rectified.

## **2. Correction of the Minor Deficiencies**

**2.1. Minor Deficiency 1:** The VEE is partially compliant with standard 4.3 because the hospitalisation boxes do not fully comply with Animal Health Standards.

### **2.1.1. Findings**

The Board of Trustees of the VTH has agreed on an infrastructure improvement plan for the VTH, covering the reconstruction of the equine hospital and the diagnostic imaging area. Financing of this plan was voted down. The planning and construction of the new building are underway.

### **2.1.2. Comments**

The ongoing completion of new facilities for equine will allow the update of the hospitalisation boxes.

### **2.1.3. Suggestions**

None.

### **2.1.4. Decision**

The deficiency has been rectified, as the UAB Board of Trustees has decided to build new equine facilities and the process is ongoing.

**2.2. Minor Deficiency 2:** The VEE is partially compliant with Standard 4.8 because the organisation of students' transportation to some external practice sites is sub-optimal regarding student safety. Notably, the appropriate insurance policy is insufficiently communicated to the students with regard to liability.

### **2.2.1. Findings**

The VEE has communicated the official UAB insurance policy widely to students and staff via the Moodle platform and emails.

### **2.2.2. Comments**

The UAB insurance policy clearly covers intramural and extramural teaching activities, and students are well informed about it.

### **2.2.3. Suggestions**

None.

**2.2.4. Decision** The deficiency has been fully rectified.

### **3. ESEVT Indicators**

#### **3.1. Findings**

All Indicators are above the minimum values.

#### **3.2. Comments**

None.

#### **3.3. Suggestions**

None.

### **4. Conclusions**

The Re-visitation team considers that all deficiencies have been fully rectified.

## **Decision of ECOVE**

The Committee concluded that the Major Deficiencies identified after the Full Visitation on 29 September - 3 October 2025 had been corrected and that the Minor Deficiencies have been corrected or that an ongoing process is in place to correct them

The Veterinary Education Establishment (VEE) of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona is therefore classified as holding the status of: **ACCREDITATION**.