



## **INSTITUTE OF VETERINARY SCIENCE**

### **Fitness to Practise as a Veterinary Surgeon**

Through validation by the professional governing body, The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, qualification as a Bachelor of Veterinary Science of the University of Liverpool enables you to practise as a Veterinary Surgeon. It is important that you accept the provisions of the RCVS Code of Conduct, and that you realise your professional work will be arduous and demanding. In particular you should recognise that you will hold special positions of responsibility. We ask you to tell us if you have experienced previous mental or behavioural problems or addiction to drugs or alcohol. Failure to disclose information which directly relates to your fitness to practise as a Veterinary Surgeon will result in termination of your studies. Candidates invited for interview are asked to sign a declaration that they consider themselves fit to practise as a Veterinary Surgeon and that they will inform the Institute if they develop any disability or medical condition which might affect this at any subsequent stage prior to commencement of the BVSc course. The RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct is available on the RCVS's website at <http://www.rcvs.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/code-of-professional-conduct-for-veterinary-surgeons>

### **Disability**

The University of Liverpool welcomes students with disabilities. However, some physical disabilities preclude work as a veterinary surgeon. We consider each case individually, and systems are in place to offer support where appropriate. It is helpful to disclose details so that any special requirements can be identified. For dyslexic students, it is helpful to have a full report of specific learning disabilities. The RCVS Guidance on Admission of Veterinary Students with Disabilities is available on the RCVS website at <http://www.rcvs.org.uk/document-library/dda-guidance/>

**Please think about these issues carefully and retain this sheet.**