



Appendix 1c: Template Interim Report to be provided five years after the Full Visitation for all VEEs (maximum 2 pages)

Name and location of the Veterinary Education Establishment (VEE)

School of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Sciences, University of Copenhagen

Name and details of the current VEE's Head and the head(s) of the VTH

Head of Veterinary studies, Charlotte Bjørnvad, Professor, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ECVCN

Head of University Hospital for Companion Animals, Merete Holst Nissen, DVM, MPG

Head of University Hospital for Large Animals, Casper Lindegaard, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ECVS

Date of the completion of the Interim Report (five years after the Full Visitation at the latest):

August 28th 2026

Date of the previous visitation(s) 13-17 September 2021 (full visitation)

Any major changes which may affect the compliance with the ESEVT Standards since the previous (R)SER/IR *Apart from the ongoing implementation of the revised curriculum, there have been no major changes relevant to compliance with the ESEVT Standards. The revised curriculum has been designed to remain fully aligned with the ESEVT Standards, and no impact on compliance is expected.*

Progress in the correction of:

-) Major Deficiencies (non-compliance with the ESEVT Standards);

1.1. Major Deficiency 1 noted at full visitation September 2021: Sub-standard 1.3

A strategic plan was developed and implemented during 2021 and 2022 and full accreditation was granted following revisitation 20-22 September 2022. The strategic plan forms the basis for VEE action plans and is updated annually. A new strategic plan to cover 2027 to 2030 is currently being developed.

-) Minor Deficiencies (partial compliance with the ESEVT Standards)

2.1. Substandard 2.1.

Following a financial allocation of 1.5 mio. EUR from the Faculty in 2022, the two departments in the VEE work together to secure teaching activities, with a particular focus on faculty recruitment and strengthening research-based teaching.

2.2. Substandard 3.1.3., 4.4 and 5.1

The exotic animal and emergency services have been significantly strengthened through employment of dedicated staff (a specialist in small mammals and a teaching assistant professor in emergency medicine and critical care). These actions have significantly increased patient intake in the two services. As described in the previous interim report, the VTH for companion animals has decided that more students benefit from having specialists in daytime rotations and that the current model with specialists available for telephone consultations out of hours is the best priority given the financial constraints.

2.3. Substandard 6.2.

There is continuous dialogue with the faculty administration, securing 24/7 support for IT and other technical issues occurring out of hours at the VTHs.

Plans for the near future

The VEE is currently finalizing a curriculum revision. The revised Bachelor's curriculum was implemented from September 2025, while the revised Master's program is scheduled to commence in September 2028. The revised curriculum introduces earlier exposure to practical and propaedeutic training involving live animals and places increased emphasis on the development of communication skills. The time allocated to clinical training and herd management training will largely remain unchanged. The VEE is closely monitoring the implementation of the revised curriculum to ensure that the intended learning outcomes are achieved and that compliance with ESEVT Standards is maintained. The VEE's strategic plan for 2027 to 2030 is currently being developed, and it will set the course for the VEE for the next 4 years. As part of this process, continued alignment of the VEE and curriculum with the EAEVE 2023 SOP will be ensured.

Continued efforts are being made to strengthen training in companion animal necropsy, including the use of case-based assignments to supplement on-site necropsy activities. In addition, a series of educational videos has been developed to introduce students to production animal facilities, including poultry enterprises. These resources will be incorporated in the Animal management course in the third semester. A new VEE was established in another region of Denmark in September 2024. It is anticipated that collaboration between the two VEEs will create valuable opportunities for sharing expertise and resources, thereby supporting the education of future veterinarians in Denmark.

Proposed dates for the next Full Visitation which should be completed:

September 11th-15th 2028 (will be aligned with the initiation of our new master's curriculum and there will be several ongoing teaching activities during the visitation (dates have been confirmed).

Annex: Updated Excel table with ESEVT Indicators *(focusing on the last three complete academic years)*