

Job Applicant Privacy Notice

As part of any recruitment process, Chess Veterinary Clinic Limited collects and processes personal data relating to job applicants. Chess Veterinary Clinic is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations.

What information does Chess Veterinary Clinic collect?

The Chess Veterinary Clinic collects a range of information about you. This includes:

- your name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number;
- details of your qualifications, skills, experience and employment history;
- information about your current level of remuneration, including benefit entitlements;
- whether or not you have a disability for which the Company needs to make reasonable adjustments during the recruitment process; and
- information about your entitlement to work in the UK.

Chess Veterinary Clinic may collect this information in a variety of ways. For example, data might be contained in application forms, CVs or resumes, obtained from your passport or other identity documents, or collected through interviews or other forms of assessment, including online tests.

Chess Veterinary Clinic may also collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by former employers and information from employment background check providers. Data will be stored in a range of different places, including on your application record, in HR management systems and on other IT systems including email.

Why does Chess Veterinary Clinic process personal data?

Chess Veterinary Clinic needs to process data to take steps at your request prior to entering into a contract with you. It may also need to process your data to enter into a contract with you. In some cases, Chess Veterinary Clinic needs to process data to ensure that it is complying with its legal obligations. For example, it is required to check a successful applicant's eligibility to work in the UK before employment starts.

Chess Veterinary Clinic has a legitimate interest in processing personal data during the recruitment process and for keeping records of the process. Processing data from job applicants allows Chess Veterinary Clinic to manage the recruitment process, assess and confirm a candidate's suitability for employment and decide to whom to offer a job.

Chess Veterinary Clinic may also need to process data from job applicants to respond to and defend against legal claims. Chess Veterinary Clinic may process special categories of data, such as information about ethnic origin, sexual orientation or religion or belief, to monitor recruitment statistics. It may also collect information about whether or not applicants are disabled to make reasonable adjustments for candidates who have a disability. Chess Veterinary Clinic processes such information to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

For some roles Chess Veterinary Clinic may be obliged to seek information about criminal convictions and offences. Where Chess Veterinary Clinic seeks this information, it does so because it is necessary for it to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment. Chess Veterinary Clinic will not use your data for any purpose other than the recruitment exercise for which you have applied. If your application is unsuccessful, Chess Veterinary Clinic may keep your personal data on file in case there are future employment opportunities for which you may be

suited. Chess Veterinary Clinic will ask for your consent before it keeps your data for this purpose and you are free to withdraw your consent at any time.

Who has access to data?

Your information may be shared internally for the purposes of the recruitment exercise. This includes members of the HR team, interviewers involved in the recruitment process, managers in the business area with a vacancy and IT staff if access to the data is necessary for the performance of their roles.

Chess Veterinary Clinic will not share your data with third parties, unless your application for employment is successful and it makes you an offer of employment. Chess Veterinary Clinic will then share your data with former employers to obtain references for you and employment background check providers to obtain necessary background checks.

In certain circumstances it may also be necessary to transfer such personal data (including sensitive personal data) outside the European Economic Area.

How does Chess Veterinary Clinic protect data?

Chess Veterinary Clinic takes the security of your data seriously. It has internal policies and controls in place to ensure that your data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed, and is not accessed except by our employees in the proper performance of their duties.

For how long does Chess Veterinary Clinic keep data?

If your application for employment is unsuccessful, Chess Veterinary Clinic will hold your data on file for 6 months after the end of the relevant recruitment process. If you agree to allow Chess Veterinary Clinic to keep your personal data on file, Chess Veterinary Clinic will hold your data on file for a further 6 months for consideration for future employment opportunities. At the end of that period or once you withdraw your consent, your data is deleted or destroyed.

If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your personnel file and retained during your employment. The periods for which your data will be held will be provided to you in a new employee privacy notice.

Your rights

As a data subject, you have a number of rights. You can:

- access and obtain a copy of your data on request;
- require the Company to change incorrect or incomplete data;
- require the Company to delete or stop processing your data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing; and
- object to the processing of your data where the Company is relying on its legitimate interests as the legal ground for processing.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact the recruiting or Practice Manager or a member of the People & Culture Team.



If you believe that Chess Veterinary Clinic has not complied with your data protection rights, you can complain to the Information Commissioner.

What if you do not provide personal data?

You are under no statutory or contractual obligation to provide data to Chess Veterinary Clinic during the recruitment process. However, if you do not provide the information, Chess Veterinary Clinic may not be able to process your application properly or at all.