

## Job Description | Westgate Laboratories



### Job Title: Trainee Laboratory Technician

Hours: 40 hours per week Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Permanent full time role upon completion of 6 month probation

Salary: National living wage depending on age plus bonuses, paid holiday, pension and benefits.

Starting salary is £25,396.80.

Based at Westgate Laboratories, near Morpeth, NE61 3AZ

Line Manager: Lab Team Leader

The successful applicant will be required to work within a small team to assist in the general running of Westgate Laboratories' postal worm count service.

- Inputting customer data for sample preparation
- Preparing faecal samples for analysis & microscope work to analyse samples
- Reporting results via an online data base and using the Xero accounting programme
- Supporting other members of the team where necessary
- Posting return packs out to customers
- Stock preparation as needed
- Developing an understanding and performing the full range of tests performed at Westgate
- Dealing with general enquiries by email and telephone
- Working 1 or 2 Saturdays per year to cover bank holidays

Plus a possibility of

- Working towards your SQP qualifications in the future
- Attending shows and events to represent Westgate Labs and promote sustainable parasite control

### Person Specification:

- Excellent attention to detail; able to work accurately
- Ability to prioritise own work and remain effective under pressure
- Proactive and enthusiastic work ethic
- Flexible approach to work
- Ability to follow directions and work methodically
- Computer literate and proficient in the use of Microsoft Office packages Word and Outlook and on the internet
- Good administrative and organisational skills
- Good interpersonal skills and ability to work well on own initiative and as part of a small team

The nature of the job makes it a physical one especially when the lab is busy with a good proportion of each day spent on feet at the sink and preparing samples. Applicants need to be aware of and prepared for this.