AVS/IVSA UK & Ireland Elections 2021

Name: Emma Daisy Ford
Position: Secretary
Vet School: Bristol
Year: 3rd year

About me:
I chose to study veterinary medicine because I decided my life did not have enough dogs in it. I have lived most of my life in France and came to the UK for university as I wanted to explore my British roots and develop a lovely British accent. At university I have tried activities from life drawing to pole fitness because I love throwing myself into new challenges.

Experience:
This year I have been the Challenge Officer for Bristol RAG (Raising and Giving) Society, Medivet Ambassador, Senior representative for the Veterinary Defense Society Student Club, Bristol AVS Senior representative, and have recently become a Widening Participation Ambassador for Bristol University. I have learned how to manage my time effectively by taking on these roles alongside education, and have improved my confidence, organization, and communication skills. For example, as Challenge Officer, I helped organize international trips in aid of a range of charities and have fundraised over £2000 for charity myself.

What I would try and achieve in my role:
As secretary, I would ensure communication to and from the AVS was carried out to the best standard. I would help the AVS run as smoothly as possible by providing all the required material for the rest of the committee and use my intuition and experience to innovate the role and help the committee to be more effective.

Why you should vote for me:
I want to help the AVS improve veterinary education across the UK and help tackle issues that severely affect the students and the course, such as COVID-19 and the lack of diversity in veterinary education. My experience in a wide variety of roles, for many different organizations, demonstrates that I have been trusted repeatedly with responsibility and has lent me the skills that will make me the ideal secretary for the AVS.