# SPVS EMS Survey 2021
## Highlights

Defining practitioners views about EMS provision

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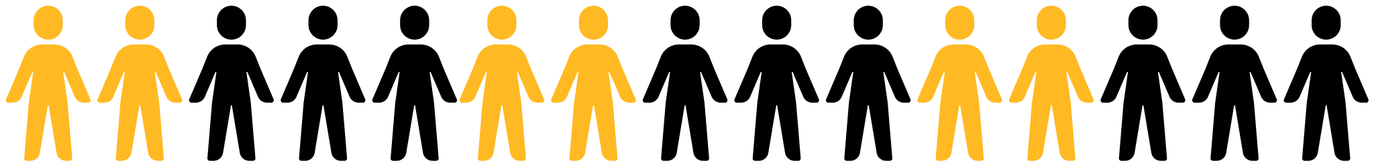
# The Survey



239 respondents from across both Independent (46%) and Corporate practice (54%)

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60% in Clinical Director/Partner/Owner role,
30% in Assistant/Associate role

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57% work in small animal practice
12% mixed
10% large animal
8% equine

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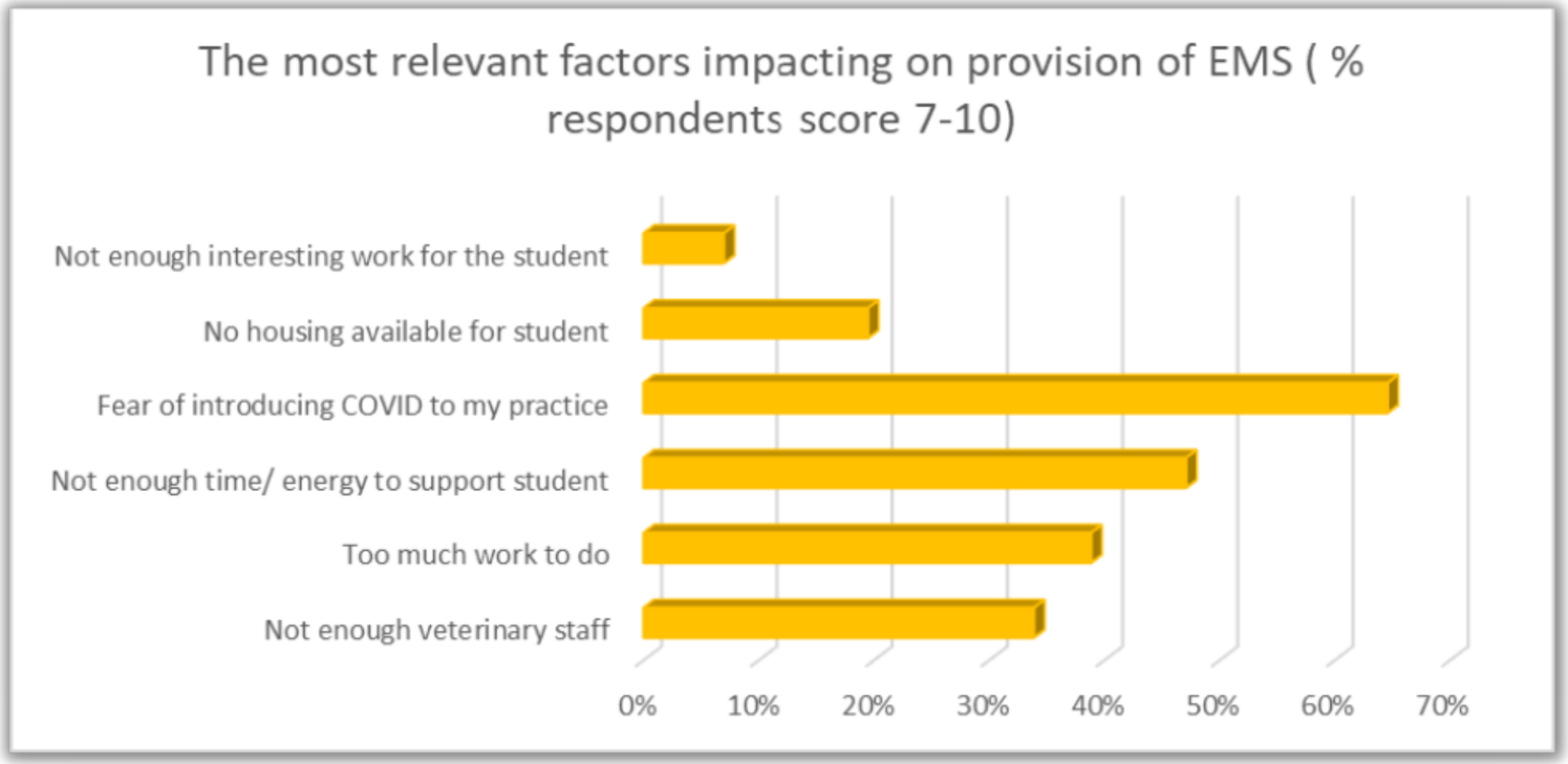
# Reasons for not providing EMS

## OVER 60% OF RESPONDENTS CITED RISK OF COVID AS THE MAIN REASON




*"Covid fear is reducing now but things like having a place to stay and car sharing with students is still a concern."*

*"The biggest factor for us is Covid and whether we have enough vets to provide support to the student."*

**For EMS to be a success, both practices *and* students must be satisfied**

# Success in EMS

## THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STUDENT AND PRACTICE IS KEY

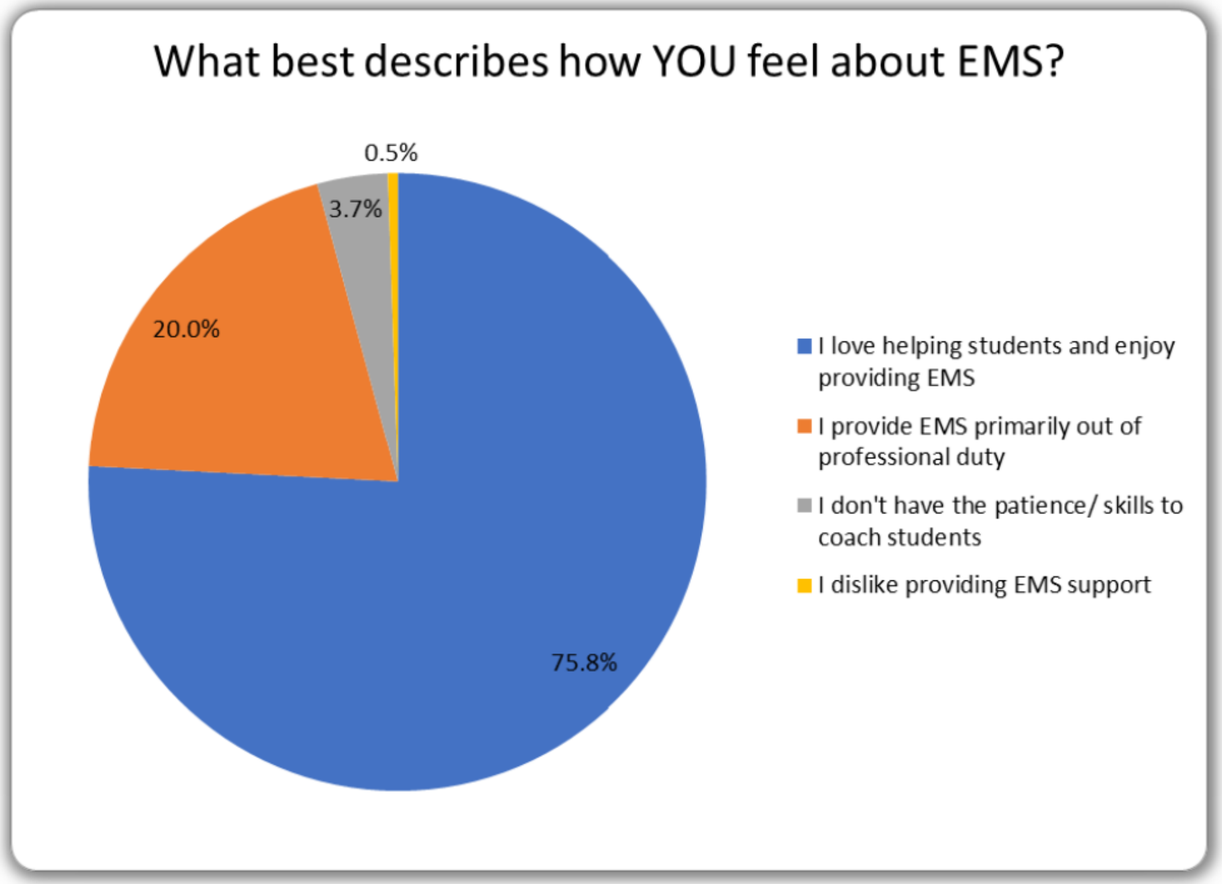
# Attitudes to EMS

## 76% OF RESPONDENTS LOVE HELPING STUDENTS AND PROVIDING EMS

*"We employed one of our EMS students - it is an important way of recruiting new team members."*

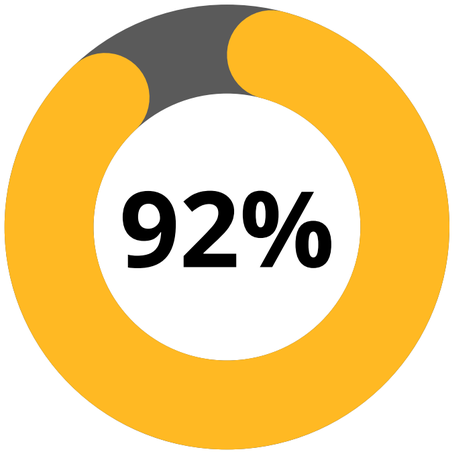
*"In the wake of vet schools going online, the need for practice-based EMS to produce competent vets is ever increasing."*

**"Offering EMS is demanding but rewarding! It takes time which sometimes can impact negatively on how much work I get done"**

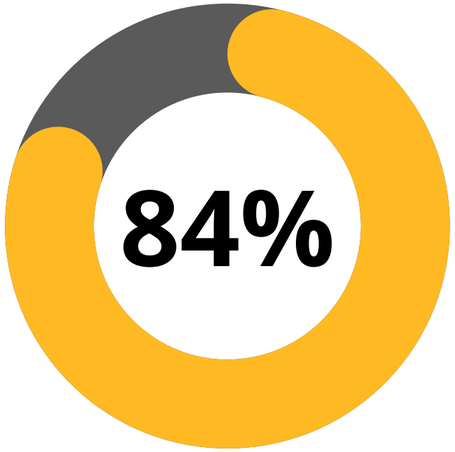


# Improving the quality of EMS

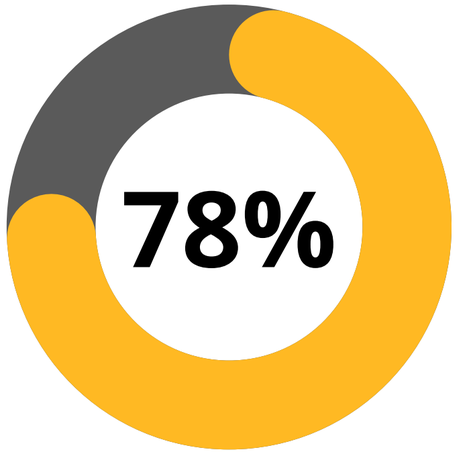
## THE TOP FOUR THINGS THAT WOULD HELP DELIVER BETTER EMS



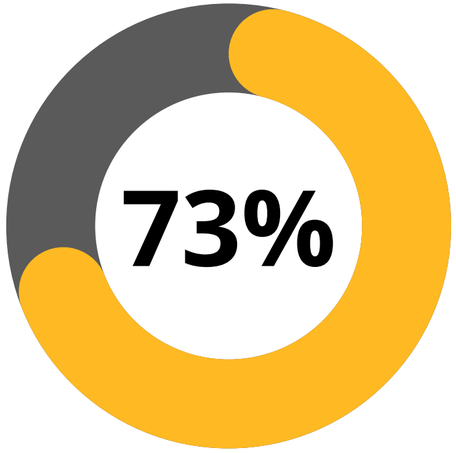

92% of respondents felt <u>clearer understanding of the students needs and objectives</u> would be helpful or extremely helpful




84% of respondents felt <u>longer placements allowing more confidence to build</u> would be helpful or extremely helpful




78% of respondents felt <u>free training on how to best coach students</u> would be helpful or extremely helpful




73% of respondents felt <u>more resources/tools to help student/mentor progress</u> would be helpful or extremely helpful

# Role of universities

## SUPPORTING EMS

### Complementary CPD in return for offering placements

*"Universities are essentially asking practices to do their job for them- they should be offering free CPD to help all vets deliver EMS effectively."*

### Better communications between the practice and the University and better student matching

*"Universities with designated practices for EMS and that give more input on this is definitely the way forwards."*

### A central EMS database to support delivery

Minimising administration for practices

# SPVS Member benefits

# Why join us?

## SPVS ILM Leadership Qualifications
Specifically designed for veterinary practice

## Thriving in Veterinary Practice
Top Tips for loving life as a GP vet – a series of 6 podcasts.

## How to Improve EMS
Practical advice and top tips for students and practitioners

## Email Discussion Group
Support and information from the SPVS community

## Salary and Fees Surveys
Analyse and monitor your practice performance

## Preferential Rates and Discounts
From a variety of companies and organisations

## Resource Library
Fact sheets from Citation, Hazlewoods and MS Rubric

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*Leading the way with non-clinical member support*