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I graduated from the Edinburgh Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies in 1999. Thereafter I worked in mixed and small animal veterinary practice in the United Kingdom while developing an interest in camelid work since my family have reared alpacas since 1989. In 2002 I moved to the United States to work with Dr David Anderson at The Ohio State University, and completed a Residency in Large Animal Internal Medicine in July 2005. Llamas and alpacas formed approximately 95% of my caseload. I continued at Ohio State for a further year as Clinical Instructor in Camelid Medicine. In February 2007, I returned to the United Kingdom, taking a position as Lecturer in Camelid Medicine at the Royal Veterinary College in London. I am establishing a clinical referral service for Camelid Medicine and Reproduction there and this will be the first specialist referral service catering specifically to the camelid community in the UK. I also plan to continue pursuing research with camelid species. My main research interests include vitamin D metabolism, dermatological problems, neonatology, immunology and neurological diseases.