Product Owner

Are you seeking the perfect combination of established company security, start-up freedom and making a real difference to global challenges to the health of farm animals, people, and planet? If you're looking for a role that offers hands-on, small-team buzz and creativity backed by big company benefits and peace of mind, all whilst improving the health of animals, people, and our planet, then Farmvet Systems is for you.

We are a founder-run software company with a market leading product that's been around for over a decade. We help mobile, rural vets make the best decisions possible for the animals under their care so that farmers can efficiently produce safe, affordable food. We significantly impact the responsible use of antibiotics and reductions in energy use, water use and greenhouse gas production on farms. Since 2018 we've been owned by Vetoquinol - a multinational company who recognise us as highly strategic for their exciting transformation to solution provider instead of pharmaceutical product company. Join our team of software professionals, some of whom have been here from day one, and discover what it's like to have the best of both worlds.

- Small team working diligently, efficiently, and intelligently
- Remote and in-office working
- Avoid city traffic on office days
- 32 days paid holidays per year (including statutory holidays)
- Flexible and family-friendly working
- Bonus scheme
- Work with business stakeholders from across Europe and beyond
- Make a real difference to global sustainability

Farmvet Systems is looking for an experienced Product Owner to join our team in Mid-Ulster. Working on our core VetIMPRESS SaaS product for the agricultural veterinary market, you'll liaise with stakeholders representing global customers, the CEO, business partners and the development team to elicit, prioritise and manage the product roadmap.

Our teams develop and support applications used by customers globally, and the ideal candidate will have experience with agile software development processes, excellent organisational and communication skills, and a level of business acumen.

Reporting to the CEO, your role will be focused on delivering new features, improvements, and bug-fixes for our customers by getting your priorities right. Working with global stakeholders to elicit and refine requirements, you'll own the product backlog and take responsibility for the prioritisation and scheduling of every change and addition to the product.

You'll have:
- Industry experience and qualifications in agile project management e.g., Scrum CSM, CPO - Alternatively, traditional project management qualifications (e.g., PRINCE2), with recent and significant agile experience is acceptable
- A track record of project management success (agile or traditional)
- Experience in software product management
- Entrepreneurial or marketing knowledge and experience

Given the nature of the role, the ideal person will have
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English
- A pro-active and results-focused approach to delivery
- Detail-oriented and highly organised mindset
- The ability to talk comfortably to senior managers, subject matter experts and technical staff as well as customers and stakeholders whose first language may not be English

Previous experience as a Product Owner, Product Manager, Project Manager, or similar is ideal, as is a background in agriculture, pharmaceuticals, or veterinary medicine but candidates will be assessed on their own individual skills and abilities.

As a Product Owner, your responsibilities will include:
- Ownership of the product backlog including
  - Eliciting and refining requirements; working with SMEs, technical experts, and the development team to deliver requirements for the development team to work with
  - Prioritising the backlog to ensure the delivery of value to stakeholders, and the communication of planned release dates.
  - Negotiating with stakeholders to ensure prioritisation is clearly understood and meets business requirements
  - Reacting to urgent feedback and defect reports to determine when adjustments should be made to planned work to accommodate remedial work.
- Facilitating development sprints, including working with the development team to clarify requirements, gather estimates and participate in planning and review meetings.
- Delivering product demos to stakeholders on a regular basis to showcase new features and improvements.
- Be the voice of the customer and represent their interests in internal meetings
- Act as an ambassador for the product, both internally and externally
- Follow developments within the agriculture sector, particularly related to veterinary practices and animal welfare issues. Stay up-to-date with competitor developments in the sector. Keep abreast of the latest best practices in agile software development and product management.

We are offering a basic salary of £50-60K per annum depending on experience.

To apply for this role, please email your CV and covering letter stating your notice period to **jobs@farmvetsystems.com**