



## **Dr. Gemma Campling – Veterinary Surgeon, Humanitarian and Founder of Worldwide Vets**

Dr. Gemma Campling is a British veterinary surgeon whose career has been defined by a commitment to animal welfare on a truly global scale. From an early age she found in horses not only joy and companionship, but also a sense of community and purpose. That passion guided her through veterinary school at Nottingham, where she began shaping the ideas that would become *Worldwide Vets*, the organisation she went on to found and lead as Chief Executive.

Since graduating in 2014, Dr. Campling has built a reputation as both a skilled clinician and a determined humanitarian. Under her leadership, Worldwide Vets has grown into a dynamic network working in ten countries across five continents. Its mission combines immediate veterinary care with longer-term goals: training local vets and owners, strengthening infrastructure, and ensuring sustainable improvements in animal health.

Her work has taken her to some of the most challenging environments in the world. She has coordinated veterinary responses in underserved rural regions from Egypt to Zimbabwe, and from India to Costa Rica. Perhaps most striking has been her service on the frontlines in Ukraine, where she has led teams providing emergency care not only for small animals, but also for horses caught in the devastation of war. From stabilising injured equines to delivering feed and medicines under fire, her first-hand experience shows both the vulnerability and the resilience of animals in conflict zones. It is this extraordinary work with horses in Ukraine that Dr. Campling will share at the upcoming WBFSh Annual Conference.