## Internship Testimonials

(In alphabetical order and book marked by letter for easy navigation)

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#### 3-Corner Field Farm Internship - (Fiona Madeley)

"For the most part I would definitely recommend this internship to other students. The setting is heavenly and the family is really nice and there is plenty to learn. The only warning note I would put on it is that to enjoy your summer you definitely have to be capable of entertaining yourself. This was not a problem for me because I personally love isolation but I would not have enjoyed my supper without my car or bike. The river is about the only local entertainment. The other warning would be that you will be doing a lot of weed-whacking in between other more animal related activities. The milking is however enjoyable enough to make up for other more boring chores."

#### African Conservation Experience (ACE) - (Mia Cosentino)

"If you are thinking about doing an internship with the African Conservation Experience, all I have to say is definitely do it! I went this past summer to the Ngongoni Animal Reserve in Mpumalanga, South Africa. I had the most amazing time. I have nothing but great things to say about my experience there. I learned and got to experience so much there. You have no idea what an amazing experience it was until you look aback afterward at everything you got to be involved in.

#### African Conservation Experience (ACE) - (Courtney Glotzer)

"My advice to future candidates embarking on an ACE expedition is to thoroughly investigate the various programs. Think and determine what your priorities are in terms of the work involved and match it with the internships offered. I believed that my internship was more veterinarian based than it actually was, so naturally I was disappointed. That was my only regret; that I did not see veterinary work like I had presumed and wished I had. Therefore, I suggest to delve in deep when researching what internship you would like and ask as many questions as humanly possible."

## African Conservation Experience (ACE) Kulula Care for Wild Internship - (Olivia Powell)

"This internship was a journey that I will cherish for my whole life. Like most animal lovers, it had always been a dream of mine to travel to Africa and to see her special and iconic animals. However, through my internship with ACE, I was not only priviledged enough to see these animals, but I got to touch, play with, and care for a multitude of South African wildlife including rhinos, a lion cub, newborn serval kittens, kudu, bushbuck, duikers, caracals, vervet monkeys, and even birds of prey. I would recommend this internship to anyone with a passion for working with wildlife, but especially to animal science students who are unsure of what they want to do with their degree upon graduation. In addition to offering the intern hands-on exprience with these unforgettable animals, this internship overall has the capacity to broaden a student's outlook on wildlife care/conservation in general, as well as giving the student a multitude of lessons on responsibility,safety with large animals, and successfully tackling challenging situations. I already want to go back!"

Olivia Powell volunteered at Care for Wild for three weeks during June/July of 2013.

## African Conservation Experience: Tambotie Wildlife Rehabilitation Center - (Zaya McSky)

"Tambotie is an animal rehab center completely run by the volunteers. You will learn an amazing amount about the animals at the center and around South Africa. I made amazing connections with the other volunteers and the animals there which included lions and monkeys among many other for me. The director, Petronel, is an amazing woman with so much knowledge, who gives the responsibility of the center solely to the volunteers. It can be very emotional work at times, especially when an animal is lost, so just be prepared."

## American Competition Opportunities for Riders with Disabilities - (Kristin Maslack)

Location: Jericho VT

"Many people have heard of the supposed healing properties of animals. Pet owners will attest to the idea that their animals can make them feel happier. I had heard many times of the benefits of using horses and riding for therapy. People with both mental and physical disabilities seemed to undergo obvious improvement when on the back of a horse or when working with a horse. It was not until I had the opportunity to see and work with riders with disabilities that I really believed it. When I was asked to work at the first ever New England Equestrian Festival this past July, I leapt at the offer. I spent months keeping track of rapidly flying emails between committee members. The week of the show, I worked to assemble a silent auction, helped to put together class and championship prizes, and got the grounds of a large equestrian facility ready for the event. The morning of the show found me in the secretary's booth, processing and organizing entries for approximately 100 riders. I scurried around all day, working as the jump crew in one ring, setting up a pole bending course in another, and finding the prizes that had seemingly "disappeared" overnight! I had the opportunity to work along side many great people and learn what really goes on behind the scenes at a large successful horse show. And most of all, I got to see the amazing connection between a person who cannot seem to communicate with the rest of the human world and her horse as they danced around the ring to music that only the crowd could hear. And, they never did miss a beat."

#### Animal Rescue League of Boston - (Julie Blanchard)

"My internship at the Animal Rescue League of Boston was a whirlwind of a ride, and because of this, I have never been more excited for my future. I spent my days training and caring for neglected horses, and observing the awesome veterinarian staff. There's a wide range of opportunities, including observing surgeries, and taking emergency trips to Tufts Veterinarian Clinic, The amazing staff at the ARL of Boston are all dedicated to the welfare of their animals. This summer has taught me not only about animals, but about myself as well. I leave this internship a better person, and even more in love with animals!"

#### Animal Specialty Center - (Amanda Grieco - Summer '09)

Location: Yonkers, New York

"I believe that any internship can help build life experience and put you in real-life scenarios that allow you to build mental strength. It may change your perspectives and introduce you to a new world outside of the classroom. As well, internships can have a positive impact on your life that can lead you to the right direction. My advice is to take every opportunity that comes your way and embrace it because tomorrow is a different day."

Aquarium of the Pacific - (Jessica Scillieri)

"Working at the Aquarium of the Pacific gave me not only animal experience, but research training. I got to participate in a wide range of activities from seal and sea lion training to behavior research with sea otters to food preparation. This is a great opportunity to learn about exotic animals without working for a vet. Areas of learning include nutrition, behavior, physiology, and research methods. There is an opportunity to develop your own experiment or participate in an ongoing study. I loved working with animals as well as taking a scientific look at animal behavior. The people were fun and the animals were a blast."

#### Asheville Humane Society Internship - (Jenna Yarosh)

Location:

"I loved the internship that I did with the AHS. Not only was the staff prepared for my arrival with lots of interesting things for me to do, but they were kind, helpful and taught me a lot. I enjoyed my time working with the dogs immensely, and felt great about my job at the end of each day. I would definitely recommend this internship for anyone interested in shelter work."

#### Ashland Animal Hospital - (Josh Robshaw)

"I would recommend Ashland Animal Hospital in Ashland, Massachusetts to anyone that aspires to be a veterinarian or a veterinary technician. Having real world experience not only gives you a glimpse of your future, but gives you the amazing chance to apply skills you learn at UVM, and learn a great deal more. During my experience the doctors were more than willing to answer questions, and created a fun environment to learn in. I would say my internship was one of the most fulfilling opportunities I've had at UVM, and gave me the experiential skills I needed to find opportunities after college."

#### Atlantis Marine World - (Leah Rosenthal)

"My experience as an intern at Atlantis Marine World has simply changed my life forever and provided me with the best summer of my life. The intern program at Atlantis Marine World truly is remarkable, combining personal, educational and professional growth into a great experience surrounded by amazing people. If anyone is even considering a future working with or training exotic animals, this internships is one for you. Nothing is held back at Atlantis Marine World; you leave with a firm understanding of what it truly means and what is involved when working with and training exotic animals within an aquarium facility."

### B

# The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore (formerly known as Baltimore Zoo) - (Lindsey King)

Location: Baltimore, Maryland.

#### **ANIMAL CARE:**

"There is only one word to describe my summer experience: amazing. I could not have asked for better....day to day I learned a lot about each of the zoo's individual animals. My favorite part of the day was going out into the zoo around 10 o'clock when the zoo had just opened and visiting all the exhibits. I also always found time during the day to go out and talk with the guests about the animals. I would tell them some personal tidbits and help identify who was who. It felt so great to have that knowledge and feel informed and be able to share it with others. This was truly a priceless experience for me. Even

though it was not exactly what I was looking for when I applied, it really opened me up to another level that I may never have touched on unless The Baltimore Zoo gave me the chance."

#### **EDUCATION:**

"Overall I feel that I might have learned the most this summer from the kids. Since I had never worked with a group of teenagers, I wasn't really sure how to approach the whole idea of giving lessons and keeping them interested and involved. I just sort of jumped into it and presented things in a way that I would want to learn them. I found out from this experience that I truly loved working with teenagers. I also really learned a lot about teaching and effective ways to get through to a group. This experience really enriched me as a person and I feel that it has even enhanced my experience since I have been back at UVM. I think about my summer experiences just about every day and count the days until I'll be able to return and not only make greater improvements in myself but also in a group of fresh teenagers who can't wait to start their journey to a dream of working with animals."

#### Cold Spring Harbors Animal Research Facility - (Joshua Dratch)

"This internship was more than I could have asked for. I not only made a life-altering career path decision, but also learned so many invaluable procedures to mice. If you are looking for an internship that puts you in the middle of a real laboratory and get hands-on experience then this is for you. There is a lot of blood and surgical procedures that you need to be able to assist with and sometime perform."

"The other employees were great. They helped me so much through every question I had. Lisa Bianco, the supervisor, does a great job at really making it interesting and allowing you to see more than you would expect to. All in all it was amazing, I recommend this internship to anyone who thinks they fit the description, and you wouldn't be disappointed."

#### Binghamton Zoo at Ross Park (Shannon Gilbert)

"The Binghamton Zoo at Ross Park was a wonderful experience for me. They have a great program that allows the intern to work side-by-side with a keeper at all times, and there is much to learn from their experience. I would definitely recommend this experience to anyone intrsted in working with zoo animals. They are small enough that you don't get overwhelmed, and large enough that you have enouth to keep you busy. The keeper staff are very friendly and willing to teach you."

#### Black Pond Veterinary Service Internship - (Ashley Wener)

"My summer internship with Black Pond Veterinary Service (BPVS) was an amazing hands-on large animal experience. Prior to this internship I had not done any field work, so all of the staff at BPVS took the time to explain all aspects of the business. Dr. Kendyl Foristall with whom I rode along with in the truck all summer, was always willing to answer questions and if the situation presented itself she would demonstrate different techniques. I would recommend a BPVS internship to anyone looking to enter the field of large animal medicine because it was one of the most positive and rewarding experiences I have had while here at UVM."

## Burlington Emergency Veterinary Service Internship - (Kimberly Corrow)

"Working at a small animal emergency clinic is very different than working at a regular small animal practice. It is not for the faint of heart nor the weakly skilled. One must be able to hold on to successfully treated patients and the gracious clients in order to get through the times a pet cannot be saved and times where you will take the brunt of an emotional owner's anger. This kind of environment can go from 0-60 in the blink of an eye, where one minute the hospital is empty to the next where people are lined up out the door, the phones are ringing off the hook, and you have to start CPR on the dog that just went into respiratory arrest. In the same day you can help deliver a litter of puppies and experience the exhilaration of hearing a little cry come from your hands that have been busily working

for what seems forever on rubbing life into a little fur ball, and later euthanize the only companion someone has had for the last 15 years."

"The candidate for emergency veterinary medicine must not only have strong technical skills and the confidence to use them, but also the mental and emotional strength to deal with an ever changing environment and a diversity of people that many times are not at their best. There are days that it seems there are too many patients and not enough people to do everything, but you must be fluent in multi-tasking. Phones must be answered, clients checked in and patients triaged while being sure in-hospital patients are monitored closely, receiving timely rounds and treatments and diagnostics. This job isn't for everyone but it can provide an amazing learning experience for those up for the challenge."

#### Burlington Emergency Veterinary Service Internship - (Abbey Dattilio)

"I really enjoyed working at BEVS this semester. I think this is a great opportunity for a student that is already familiar with working in a veterinary hospital to gain experience and course credits. This internship is not designed for someone without the necessary skills to work competently in a veterinary emergency setting, but for the right individual it can be very worthwhile."

#### Burlington Emergency Veterinary Service Internship - (Amy Gassman)

"I found this internship a great experience. I am continuing it as a job through the summer and the fall. I suggest any student applying and taking the opportunity even if they have no experience. I was hired with little experience and they gave me a chance. Also, I suggest asking a lot of questions because the staff is full of knowledge. Another piece of advice is to always ask for help if you do not know how to do something, someone is ALWAYS willing to help and asking for help is encouraged."

#### Burlington Emergency Veterinary Service Internship - (Diana Pirolo)

"Interning at Burlington Emergency Veterinary Specialist is an amazing opportunity. My internship focused mainly on radiology, lab work, and isolation in an emergency setting. I think this internship is ideal for anyone interested in a career in veterinary medicine, as you have the advantage of learning the differences between regular vet clinics and emergency clinics. Here you can learn the ins and outs of emergency veterinary medicine while also working with an internal medicine specialist, radiologist, ophthalmologists, and board certified surgeon. It is an amazing learning experience that I would highly recommend!"

### C

#### Canine Connection of VT - (Amanda Buffman)

"Throughout this semester I have learned a lot, and not all about dogs either. I have seen the amount of work that goes into running a business. I attended some classes as well and learned that the dog classes are more about teaching the owners how to train the dogs than to actually train the dogs. I also got an idea of the amount of work it takes to work with animals. They are constantly on the go and you need to be also. It doesn't work if you want to stop, you just can't afford to do that.

I have also learned communication skills and personal skills. I had to work with different employees doing different tasks. I also had to make some phone calls so I was also working with the public.

I would recommend getting an internship at Canine Connection of Vermont to other students, especially if they are interested in canine behavior and training. It is an invaluable experience that you cannot get anywhere else. An internship, no matter where it is, is an invaluable experience that everyone should take part in."

## Canine Connection of VT - (Carrie Vooght) (formerly Canine Companions)

Canine Connection of Vermont has about thirty dogs come to it each day. While working at the daycare I learned a lot about pack behavior, management and aggrression. This internship has been a very rewarding experience for me. Not only have the training classes at Canine Connection of VT helped make my dog more aware of me and working with me but I also feel that I can use the knowlege I have learned in other fields of animal science. I was recently offered a companion animal job, when before I may not have been hidred because I did not have the experience.

#### The Dog School - formerly Canine K-12 - (Rebecca Krause)

Location: Richmond, Vermont

"I've learned more than I ever could in a classroom. The experience of dealing with many dogs and people every week has allowed me to grow as a person. I'm more confident in myself, talking to and helping others, and in the idea that my knowledge of dogs can help others. I am now more self-assured in my ability to read and control a group of dogs. I know that I have much, much more to learn but feel that I now have a solid basis of knowledge to build upon."

#### Cape Wildlife Center Internship - (Katie Ahalt)

"Working at the Cape Wildlife Center was a great experience. The job was very hands on and an incredible learning facility. I have learned more about the procedures, policies, and under workings of how to run a wildlife rehabilitation facility and the effort and hard work needed to reach out to the public and educate them on the importance of our mission at the center. I learned a lot and have acquired and refined many skills relating to the care and management of the wild animals. Who could have asked for a better setting than on Cape Cod working with wildlife? It is a job that is refreshing and keeps your mind tuned."

#### The Center for Wildlife (Leah Rosenthal)

Location: Cape Neddick, Maine

"During my summer at The Center for Wildlife, I was constantly challenged to learn new skills and work with different species of wildlife in order to gain experience, knowledge and comfort with wildlife. The staff at the Center for Wildlife is a great group of wildlife enthusiasts who will do anything to ensure that the interns get to experience every opportunity that they have to offer. This internship does require a person who is not afraid to get dirty, clean enclosures, work in hot weather and handle wildlife. I had one of the best summers of my life as an intern, and I would recommend anyone to take part in an internship at The Center for Wildlife, no matter their previous experience level."

#### Champlain Veterinary Clinic - (Joey Wagner)

"I, Joey Wagner, recommend any ASCI student who wishes to gain a better understanding of the veterinary business to pursue an internship with Dr. Gunther at the Champlain Veterinary Clinic in St. Albans, Vermont. Dr. Gunther will surely provide his intern with chances to understand the art of a small animal practice in all facets of the business. From public relations to the actual veterinary medicine, no aspect of veterinary profession will be left untouched upon. Time spent as an intern with Dr. Gunther and staff at the Champlain Veterinary Clinic is time worth spent.."

### Charmingfare Farm - (Jeanine Neskey)

"This internship has been wonderful. I have learned d\so much and had so many experiences I could have never had otherwise. I think internships are great ways to find great new experiences and I would definitely love to do another one at another facility."

#### Cheetah Conservation Fund (Erin Ramsay)

Location: Otjiworongo, Namibia

Erin Ramsay was an Animal Science major who spent fall semester of her junior year off the beaten pathway......

"I had an extraordinary opportunity to study at the Cheetah Conservation Fund in Orjiworongo, Namibia. Spending the semester on the Southwest coast of Africa changed more than just my skin's pigment; it also changed my outlook on education, zoology, conservation and myself.



The Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) is a nonprofit, non-governmental association dedicated to the long-term survival of the cheetah and its ecosystem. Along with eight students, I was involved in caring for the health of ten cheetahs and one leopard that were rehabilitating or awaiting placements. Releasing tagged cheetahs, conducting aerial counts, tracking wildlife populations, doing taste aversion trials, and educating both the adult and student population about the cheetah were also part of our responsibilities. We were extremely lucky to have knowledgeable professionals as instructors and resources. Summing up my daily life last semester in a few long sentences does not do justice to the sight of a male cheetah fighting his brothers for the head of a gazelle, or

monitoring the recovery of a female cheetah that was held captive by a couple that thought it would be nice to have her as a pet.

I truly appreciate my experiences in Namibia, and I encourage anyone who is interested in a study abroad program to take advantage of all of the opportunities available.."

"Owapenduga Nowa" -Erin Ramsa



#### Katelyn Wuebbolt

Even though Katelyn lived in New Hampshire, she often visited her grandparents and other relatives in the Cincinnati area and going to the zoo had always been a family tradition. During her summer of 2007 visit, she requested information about various internship opportunities available at the zoo. She was referred to the zoo's web site and filled out an application: <a href="http://www.cincinnatizoo.org">http://www.cincinnatizoo.org</a>

#### Cincinnati Zoo



"As an environmental educator, I had the opportunity to be a part of two worlds, because I had the chance to work with both animals and children. I was responsible for a group of children each week ranging in ages from 3-11 years old. Those responsibilities includes teaching and care taking of the children; that incorporated classroom learning, zoo hikes, and live animal demonstrations. The combination of animals and children at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens was an absolutely incredible and unforgettable experience. There are multiple skills that I have learned through this internship that I believe will help me have a competitive edge in the job world."

## C.R.O.W. (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) - (Carolyn Greenberg)

"The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) gives an incredible experience to people who are devoted, compassionate, and efficient. This externship gave me the chance to learn how to draw blood from various species, place catheters in, take radiographs, give medications, and lots more. This externship is amazing for students who can work on a team, communicate effectively, and learn on the job. Do not apply if you can't stand for more than a few hours and if you can't focus after a normal eight hour work day. We log our ours after every day and I only had one day that was less than 11 hours. You will get dirty and gross, but the knowledge you'll get out of it is way more than you expect. You work closely with the hospital director, veterinarians, and veterinary technicians, all who are amazing. You will learn more about the hospital portion of rehabilitation than reintroducing the animals back into the wild. You'll be living on Sanibel Island in Florida and you have two days off per week, free to travel, bike (free from COW), kayak, and explore on your weekends."

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### Companion Animal Care Internship - (Katie Stowell)

"I would recommend Companion Animal Care as an internship opportunity to anyone interested in small animal vet tech. The people are friendly and fun to work with and they are very helpful about teaching or explaining things. Any intern willing to put in the effort will learn and gain a lot of experience and knowledge in the running of a small practice."

### Companion Animal Clinic - (Melanie Pare)

Location: Augusta, Maine

"My main tasks were to set up appointments, draw up vaccines, run heartworm tests and fecal floats, hold animals for blood draws and exams, develop x-rays, as well as perform many other tasks when asked...My whole experience as a vet assistant, for the most part, was very enjoyable and I loved the work that I did. I can definitely say I had fun working with all the animals and getting to see so many different breeds that I hadn't before....After complete the internship I quickly realized that this is something that I want to pursue."

Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo - (Amanda Aronoff) Rainforest Zoo Keeper Internship "When I interned at the Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo I was able to get a lot of hands-on experience. You have the opportunity to work with many kinds of animals and really feel a sense of responsibility towards them. It is a furn, nurturing environment where you can gain information towards a potential career, learn more about a current career path you are on, and learn more about conservation and exotic species. Whether your focus is education, farm domestics, or wild animals. The Beardsley Zoo has a lot to offer anyone who is interested in interning there."

#### Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo Internship - (Heather Klaff)

Location: Bridgeport, CT

"Once you work at a place like Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo, you get kind of addicted. It's really hard to cut it off at the end of the summer and not go back. I definitely don't feel that it's a place where you can do a one-summer internship and then just leave and never have anything to do with them again. I'm planning on doing another summer there, but even if I don't, I'll be back to visit, probably even over winter break. I just really loved the people and the animals there, and working alongside them; and I'm also very grateful for the experiences that they gave me there. It's a lot of hard work, but I have some very funny, fond memories of working there that I'll never forget, and I look forward to making a lot more the next time I go back."

#### Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo Internship - (Kyle Scanlon)

"My experience as an intern at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo in Bridgeport far exceeded my expectations. The program allowed me to experience the complete operation of a public zoo from routine animal care to dealing with a child separated from her parents. In addition to being allowed to help design and build part of a new aviary exhibit, I was fortunate to be given responsibility for the care of the predator animals. By far the most rewarding part of my experience was my care and involvement with the newly born Amur Tiger clubs. The Beardsley Zoo management and keepers were excellent mentors and wonderful teachers."

#### Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo Internship - (Gabe Worzella)

"This past summer at the CT's Beardsley Zoo was one of the most valuable learning experiences of my college life. I learned to work with many different kinds of people. The staff members were wonderful and were constantly encouraging me to join activities and help with programs. Doing programs with the kids was my favorite part since they were usually so curious and eager to learn. I really wish that the summer was longer so that I could spend more time learning about all aspects of not only the educational department, but all departments at Beardsley."

#### Crossroads Equestrian Center - (Catherine Stirbis)

"I recommend the internship at the Crossroads Equestrian Center to other ASCI students who have a basic background in working with horses but have not obtained a level of security in the area. The internship is a great way to become comfortable in all aspects of horsemanship, including: grooming, tacking up, bathing, leading, trailer loading, and working under pressure at shows. The internship requires a great deal of time and commitment, but is very rewarding."

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Dolphins Plus - (Heather Abrams)

Location: Key Largo, Florida

"My name is Heather Abrams and I completed a month long internship at Dolphins Plus in Key Largo, Florida this summer from July 26th to August 23rd. Dolphins Plus is a marine mammal facility dedicated to education, research, and allowing people to interact with dolphins and sea lions in a hands-on environment. Without a doubt in my mind, this was one of the best experiences of my life! There is no question of whether or not I would recommend this internship because I know right now that I would tell anybody who is interested to go for it. I am so glad that I applied and was able to do it. Not only was it fun, but an excellent learning experience. I learned a lot about dolphins and sea lions and was fortunate to meet amazing people from different parts of the world. I accepted his internship with a goal for myself that it was going to help me figure out what I'm interested in doing after college. I definitely want to work with marine mammals.

This is an experience of a lifetime and one that I'm never going to forget ."

#### Dolphin Research Center (Amanda Pallotta)

"I would absolutely recommend this internship for anyone who wants to learn about marine mammals. I had a fantastic time, and learned an incredible amount. I would caution people against this internship if they are not outgoing, and willing to work hard, and take a ton of initiative to make the internship what they want. Employees at DRC are extremely busy, and don't always have time to present you with the opportunities you want, so you have to seek them out. It wasn't a problem for me, and I had a blast!"

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#### Earth Ltd. Discovery Center at Southwick's Zoo - (Jamie Wirasnik)

"You just have to go for it! I went into my internship at Southwick's Zoo not knowing what to expect, and came out with experiences of a lifetime, and memories I will never forget."

"If you're interested in getting the experience of working in a zoo setting, you can't be picky. Take what you can get because you never know what will happen, and use it as a learning experience."

#### ECHO Animal Care Intern - (Sophia Anderson)

"It was a great experience for me and would be good for anyone looking to get into the wildlife or animal care field. If people are looking for a hands-on, down and dirty job in this field, this internship is perfect for them. This is a real life scenario of what it is like to be an animal caretaker."

### ECHO Center for Lake Champlain- (Heather Calabrese)

"I would definitely recommend this internship in working with reptiles and fish or wishing to work in animal care. It gave me a pretty good idea as to what to expect from working with animals. It's a lot of hard work, but it's an awesome experience and the staff is extremely welcoming. I had a lot of fun!"

### ECHO Center for Lake Champlain - (Kerri Knipe)

Location: Burlington, VT

"I would highly recommend the ECHO internship to other students. I developed skills that I can use for my future job whether it is in the animal field or not. I felt that it was a great opportunity to learn about a variety of species that are not taught in school. I learned how to feed and care for each animal individually. I was also able to develop communication skills by working with others. Team work is extremely important for the work field, and I felt that

ECHO was a good place to meet other interns. I would highly recommend partaking in the demonstrations even if public speaking is an issue. I dread speaking in front of an audience, but I am so glad that I did it. I learned a lot about the species I researched and I learned how to talk comfortably in front of a crowd. This internship was a great learning experience that exposed me to the real world of working."

#### ECHO Center for Lake Champlain - (Katie Lord)

Location: Burlington, VT

"My internship with the Education Department at the ECHO Leahy Center for Lake Champlain has been a great experience. They have a really fun environment, friendly staff, and so many different programs, events and activities to get inbolved in. I got really good experience working as a museum/aquarium educator and worked with lots of different animals. If you're outgoing, love animals, and enjoy working with kids and adults alike, try an education internship at ECHO!"

#### ECHO Center for Lake Champlain - (Melinda Nelson)

Location: Burlington, VT

"It's very gratifying to work so hard and yet have so much fun at the same time. I could never imagine how much I would have missed if I had not had this wonderful opportunity this summer. The people and the atmosphere I worked in, as well as the eagerness of the staff to help each other, is something that I will hope for at any other endeavor I pursue."

#### ECHO Center for Lake Champlain - (Vanessa Patten)

Location: Burlington, VT

"I would highly recommend interning in the Animal Care Department of ECHO to anybody who is interested in aquatic or exotic animals. ECHO offers incredible opportunities for hands-on experience with many different animals, including many different species of frogs, turtles, snakes and fish. In addition, ECHO is a great opportunity to learn about all aspects of animal care including knowledge of aquarium maintenance. ECHO is an extremely welcoming and laid back environment, and more importantly, just a fun place to come to work!"

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#### ECHO Center for Lake Champlain - (Sue Pellegrini)

Location: Burlington, VT

"I highly recommend this internship to anyone interested in fish, reptiles, amphibians, or working in an aquarium. It was a lot of dun and the staff were great. I feel that it was a really valuable learning experience for me."

#### ECHO Center for Lake Champlain - (Lauren Stamatis)

Location: Burlington, VT

"I would recommend this internship to inquisitive individuals who have a passion for reptiles and amphibians. Many parts of the job are far from glamorous, but it's important to learn how those parts are crucial to caring for animals and

are part of the package. This internship calls for dedication since animals need care all the time, regardless of the weather, holiday or your health. For those with the interest and commitment though, this internship has a lot to offer!"

#### ECHO Center for Lake Champlain- (Jackie Zuppe)

"This is a good job for you if you have a heavy course load or just want a small job to do. It isn;'t glamorous, requires some elbow grease, and like all internships, a hynger for knowledge. It's a great opportunity to learn about local species of snakes, fish, and turtles!"

#### Elgin Spring Farm - (Ashley Barnes)

"Working at a dairy farm was one of the most valuable work experiences I have ever had. Everyone was very helpful and always willing to teach me. I learned a lot more from the experience than I could have ever learned from a book or lecture about dairy farming. Every animal science major should spend some time at a dairy farm to fully appreciate the hard work that goes into it.."

#### Essex Veterinary Center (Taylor Kolk)

"Essex Veterinary Center is a great local veterinary office to intern for. As an intern you will see many different animals; cats, dogs, snakes, lizards, guinea pigs and more! The veterinarians and technicians are always willing to teach and help. You will learn many skills that you won't learn in the classroom. My advice to future interns would be to be friendly and willing to do any task that is asked of you."

## Evenstride, LTD Internship - (Emma Cleary)

"Anyone thinking of interning as a horse show groom at Evenstride should be willing to work hard over long hours. They should be able to make quick decisions and feel comfortable when the plan suddenly changes. They should understand that the horse show season is not very long, and therefore, they will be very busy over the summer, likely forsaking laying-on-the-beach time. If you want to work a lot over the summer and you love horses, this could be a good job for you."

## F.

#### Friesians of Majesty Internship - (Audrey Scranton)

"Friesians of Majesty in Townshend, VT is an excellent location to do an internship if you want to get a well rounded experience working with horses. The people on the farm are great to work with and very helpful. The Friesians horses here are incredible; talented, unique, and stunning. Be prepared to work very hard but have fun as well if you are an intern at this incredible farm because it is well worth it"

## G.

## Green Mountain Animal Defenders (GMAD) - (J. Tauberman)

Location: Burlington, VT

"This internship was a fantastic insight into the work of a non-profit animal welfare organization. I learned how to organize, promote and fund raise an animal welfare campaign. This internship is an independent internship meaning that you do all of the work remotely with face-to-face meetings when your or the internship coordinator see fit. This worked well for me since I was taking five classes and involved in other organizations on campus. This internship is very email and writing heavy. I composed a lot of documents including letters to the editor, legislative handouts,

newsletters, media documents, and thank-you notes. I also participated in two of their events: a wildlife trapping outreach event and their annual Walk for Farmed Animals. It was a great experience to see the culmination of a campaign that I had worked on. GMAD is a fantastic organization and I recommend this internship to any aspiring animal welfare activist or anyone interested in seeing how an animal welfare organization works."

#### Green Mountain Animal Hospital - (Megan Foy)

"Interning at Green Mountain Animal Hospital was a great way to broaden my veterinary experience. I learned so much in just one semester and I also had a lot of fun! Everyone at GMAH is extremely nice and I would highly recommend GMAH for anyone looking to intern at a small animal veterinary clinic.

#### Green Mountain Bovine & Equine Clinic - (Kayla Clark)

"I had a great time with my internship and learned more about myself, others, and animals. This internship helped to reinforce my goal of becoming a veterinarian and working with animals."

#### Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center Internship - (Lindsay Gilbert)

"If you are considering a career in Hippotherapy I would highly recommend you contact Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center. Not only are there licensed Hippotherapist there that treat and teach the Hippotherapy courses, the environment is ideal. I will say although that sometimes working with so many challenged children can be trying, it is truly a rewarding experience."

### Gulliver's Doggie Daycare Internship - (Sarah Turner)

"This internship was one of the most educational experiences of my life. I learned about dog care and behavior through hands on work; something that is difficult to reproduce in a classroom. This is an internship for students who aren't afraid of hard work or getting their hands dirty, but want a truly rewarding and educational experience."

## Η.

#### Harlequin Stables Internship - (Sarah Muntyan)

"Working at Harlequin Stables is an enjoyable experience, and you have a lot to learn by doing it. For someone who has limited horse experience, it may be overwhelming, and I would not recommend it for someone who does not want to jump in with both feet, so to speak. But if you do, and you are a kind person with a love of horses and teaching and a good sense of humor, you will find it to be incredibly rewarding. Harlequin Stables, its people and its animals, are all one happy and slightly crazy little family that is well worth being a part of."

#### Heifer Project International - Overlook Farm (Angela Craig)

"Working at Overlook Farm has honestly changed my life I have made life-long friends and personal contacts for the future. I learned so much about all sorts of livestock, getting the hands-on experience that you cannot get in a classroom. I worked extremely hard this summer to make sure I would get the most out of what I was doing. If you want hands-on experience with large animals, to meet people with all sorts of backgrounds, to learn something about the world, this is the right place."

#### Heifer Project International - Overlook Farm (Abigail Krause)

Location: Rutland, Massachusetts

"I would definitely recommend this internship to anyone who wants extremely thorough, hands-on experience with livestock. Overlook Farm grants a great deal of responsibility to its volunteers, which I se as the best way to learn. The living conditions are very nice, and all the people were very easy to work with. It is inan isolated location, but tht makes it easy to take as much from the farm experience as possible."

#### Humane Society of Chittenden County - (Lindsey Audunson)

Location: South Burlington, Vermont

"I would definitely recommend this internship at the Humane Society of Chittenden County to other students. It offers great experience in the field of animal care, along with the responsibility of recognizing behavior change which is important in this type of environment. It also allows you to understand the way a non-profit organization works and the importance of hard work (whether by staff, work study or volunteers) in this setting."

#### Humane Society of Chittenden County Internship - (Amanda LaCroix)

Location: South Burlington, Vermont

"I would recommend this internship to other students. I learned so much about animals, shelter life, and working in the field of veterinary medicine. It was such a valuable experience, that I do not want to stop going. It was always the highlight of my week. This internship deals with all aspects of animal care. I have picked up so much information just from listening to the staff members, veterinarians and my supervisor talk. When applying for jobs for the summer, I felt like I was much more prepared and qualified to work with animals because of my experiences at the Humane Society."

#### Humane Society of Chittenden County - (Jessica Reiss)

Location: Vermont

"My medical room assistant internship at the Humane Society of Chittenden County was a great experience. I really enjoyed performing all of the medical-related tasks, and having a sense of independence with my work. I was able to gain more knowledge about domestic animals, while at the same time furthering my veterinary knowledge. While this internship keeps you very busy, it is not as fast paced of an environment as a veterinary hospital. I would definitely recommend this internship to anyone wishing to pursue a career in veterinary technology, veterinary medicine, or even kennel management. It is a great opportunity to be involved with animals, while helping them at the same time."

## International Student Volunteers, Inc. - (Lindsay Davison) Sea Turtle Conservation Program, Costa Rica

Location: Costa Rica

"Working with sea turtles in Gandocal, Costa Rica taught me how important conservation is. Through hands-on experience I learned to care for hatchlings, record data, and maintain a nesting ground. This experience changed my life!"

Island Dolphin Care - (Kelly Conover)

Location: Key Largo, Florida

I was very lucky to receive an internship at Island Dolphin Care Inc. in Key Largo, Florida, the first semester of my senior year at UVM. At IDC I was given the opportunity to work and live along side students from the United States, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, the Netherlands, and South Africa. Our job was to assist children with various special needs in the class room and on the platform for their in water therapy session. This internship is not for students who want personal interaction with the dolphins, but for students who want to work with special needs children and learn more about the benefits of Dolphin Assisted Therapy. I suggest to those who are more interested in working with the Animals to look on the web for internship at Dolphins Plus, which is the facility that hosts Island Dolphin Care.

If anyone would like more information feel free to e-mail me at KConover@zoo.uvm.edu. Good Luck, Kelly Conover

J.

K.

#### Kentucky Equine Management Internship - (Briana Clark)

I would highly recommend the KEMI program to anyone who has strong work ethic and desire to work in the equine industry. The thoroughbred race industry is such a large part of the equine world that I feel it is important to have some experience with it, especially for those who know nothing about it. And for anyone who wanted to pursue a career or wanted to be somehow involved with racehorses, this program is an absolute must which I highly encourage and recommend.

#### Kentucky Equine Research - (Abigail Scherer-Hoock)

"Be prepared for some hard work, but an internship at Kentucky Equine Research is a very beneficial experience to anyone interested in equine nutrition and/or research. Working for a company that produces ground-breaking studies in equine nutrition has been a fantastic opportunity. The resources that I have had access to have been amazing and have been inexplicably helpful in my own pursuit of learning."

#### Kings Park Animal Hospital - (Marissa Ruppel)

"I would strongly encourage anyone who wants to work with animals in the future to do an internship at an animal hospital. At the Kings Park Animal Hospital I learned so much because the staff was very patient and willing to teach me. Some advice I would say is to never give up and feel like you can't do something, because I felt that way at the beginning of the internship and stuck with it and gained so much experience. I would also say to not be afraid to ask questions, because it is better to double check something than to do something wrong that could even be life-threatening for an animal. Interning at an animal hospital is a fun, educational and rewarding experience that I would recommend to anyone interested in veterinary medicine."

#### Kittery Animal Hospital - (Ana Barndollar)

Location: Kittery, Maine

"I was constantly learning new procedures and techniques throughout the summer. I was the most novice employee and the other employees made a great effort to educate me...It was good to be with people who shared the same interests. There were people with a variety of animal backgrounds who all loved working with cats ad dogs. They shared their experiences and how they got where they are."

#### Knoll Farm Internship - (Sarah Westney)

"I would recommend this internship to other students interested in equine careers, or who just simply want to improve their handling/riding skills. I don't think it would be ideal for a very advanced rider, for he/she might feel frustrated by the level of the school horses and other things, however if he/she was just a beginner (like I am) or intermediate rider, than it can be a great opportunity. You will work hard, but it is a realistic amount, and it is very close to NYC as well, which can be a lot of fun."

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#### Lamoille Valley Veterinary Services Internship - (Shannon Gilbert)

"This internship provided me with a ton of experience. I got to o things that I had never done before, and I was given an immense amount of responsibility. The downside of that, however, is that often I was left to find things to do for mysef, and left out of the medical/surgical aspect of the job to do kennel work. I would say that, mostly because work was pretty slow, 75 percent of my internship involved me being a kennel person. I have never done anything like this therefore I have nothing to compare to. Howeber, I feel that the internship provider could have much more organized and structured as to what my training was going to be. I probably would not intern there again, but I would work there, if I were getting paid."

#### Lehigh Valley Zoo Internship - (Daniel Newhard)

"This internship was awesome. I would highly recommend anyone who is interested in zoo management, animal care, veterinary fields, etc. to apply to the Lehigh Valley Zoo. The staff, animal care and other departments, is amazing and never hesitates to teach you anything you want to know. They go above and beyond to make you benefit as much as possible from this internship. You get the closest hands-on experience as possible with all of the exotic animals and learn the 'ins' and 'outs' of animal care and zoo management. This is a must-do internship if someone is interested in the related field. If it wasn't for school, I would have loved to continue the internship and I would do it all over gain if I had the chance."

#### Longacres Riding Camp - (Miranda Bartlett)

"Longacres Riding Camp is a great place to go for an internship if you are a horse person. You will learn so many valuable lessons about barn management and training. The caliber of horses is higher than a lot of camps and gives you the opportunity to work with and train young horses. As a hunter/jumper rider I really enjoyed the internship and the people and horses I was able to work with."

## M.

## MWV Mobile Veterinary Clinic - (Jennie Bonica)

"My advice for interning at MWV Mobile Vet Clinic is that you should be hardworking, have a flexible schedule, have a sense of humor, and always ask lots of questions. Be willing to work with whatever comes your way. Be ready to learn a lot, and have fun while doing it!"

#### Maderas Rainforest Conservancy - (Daniel Newhard)

"This trip was absolutely amazing and it was the best thing I have ever done, and probably will ever do."

#### Marlboro Animal Hospital - (Joshua Montel)

"Working at Marlboro Animal Hospital this past summer is one of the best experiences I have had. Dr. O'Connor did not only explain everything she did in detail, but was sure to answer any questions I had, as repetitive as they may have been sometimes. She may seem intimidating or confusing at times because she uses medical terms for everything she is explaining, but if you ask her what she is talking about in "layman's terms", she is more than happy to explain. Dr. O'Connor also gave me plenty of opportunities to get hands-on experience. I was able to do things like dental work, drawing blood, and doing the blood work on the blood I had just drawn. Working at Marlboro Animal Hospital was a great experience that will help me throughout the rest of my studies and my life, and I highly recommend it to anyone who has a chance to work there."

#### Millstone - (Liz White)

"Working at Millstone is a great experience but you have to be ready to put in long hours. You have to be ready to dedicate your whole summer to the job, it was my number one priority the whole summer, but it was so worth while. The people there are fantastic, so if you are looking to work and learn a lot, Millstone is the perfect place for you."

#### Milton Veterinary Hospital - (Beca Butler)

Location: Milton, Vermont

"Through this internship, I have developed not only knowledge but also a tremendous amount of new skills, which I will definitely use in the future for my next vet hospital job. And finally grooming skills, which were not only fun to learn but could very well be extremely useful in the future. Milton Veterinary Hospital is a wonderful facility, but even more wonderful are the people who work in it."

## W. H. Miner Summer Experience in Equine Management - (Claire Gebben)

I would highly recommend the Summer Experience in Equine Management program to anyone looking to further their education in equine training, reproduction, or business. It is a great way to expose yourself to just about everything horse related including therapy riding, training young horses, collecting stallions, many different riding disciplines, barn management and horse health, working with foals and so much more! Being at Miner Institute gives you access to so much more than horses including tons of research, a large dairy farm, and an environmental science program. Be ready for hard work and lots of hands on experience!

#### Minnesota Zoo - (Hannah George)

"The marine mammals internship program at the Minnesota Zoo provides a very rewarding hands-on experience. I would recommend this program to anyone with a passion for marine mammal care and behavior. Not only will you learn about almost all aspects of working in a zoo setting, you will have tons of fun. The opportunity to interact with their four bottlenose dolphins and four sea otters everyday is something you will never forget. You will fall in love with the amazing animals along with all of the awesome staff members...and you won't want to leave!"

#### Mote Marine Laboratory - (Katie Murray)

"Mote Marine Laboratory is a wonderful place to do an internship if you are interested in any facet of marine life. They have internships ranging from research to animal care to education, and every one of them turns out happy, knowledgeable interns. I was lucky enough to be accepted to the Sea Turtle, Dolphin, and Whale Hospital where we treated Loggerhead and Green Sea Turtle patients and I encourage others to apply for this internship. As a research and educational institution, they are very interested in teaching interns and have a program for just about every interest! You can visit <a href="https://www.mote.org">www.mote.org</a> for more information."

#### Mustangs, A Living Legacy - (Bethani White)

"My experience was different than what one thinks of as a traditional internship; during the summer of 2001 I traveled to California and took a field experience course through the University of California at Davis. I spent four days camping out in the Eastern Sierra Mountains riding around on horseback to observe the behavior of the wild horse herds that live in the area. I found myself frustrated with the lack of variety in UVM's Equine department and through this course I was able to meet several of my personal goals. I was able to observe first hand many of the behaviors of wild herd animals, I learned a lot about area ecology and the predator prey relationship that the Montgomery Pass Horse Herd has with the California mountain lions. I also was able to experience a side of the West that many never will; from the moment we got on our horses and rode out to the campsite we were completely in the wild. Some of the paths that we rode on were originally wagon routes to the coast but most of the time we broke our own trail it was truly an amazing experience. At night during and after dinner there were informal lectures and discussions about various issues concerning the horses, land management, etc. UC Davis offers this course and several others such as Mountain Horsemanship: Equine wilderness first aid and stream ecology as it relates to fly-fishing. For more information about any course offering the website is: www.universityextension.ucdavis.edu/courses. Then click on explorations to see what is offered. Also you can find out more about the mustang trip that I took from the pack station's website: www.rockcreekpackstation.com. I should also mention that while I was in California I was offered a job and made a good contact for a grad. school recommendation."

## N.

### New England Aquarium's Giant Ocean Tank Internship - (Christine San Antonio)

"My experience at the New England Aquarium was nothing short of amazing and I strongly recommend an internship with this non-profit organization. The work is unpaid and can be very demanding physically but I have never worked with a more enjoyable group of people doing something that I ended up truly loving. There are constant opportunities to gain some unique hands-on experience, such as assisting in a turtle medical exam or partaking in a stingray collecting trip. I was also able to spend some time working in other departments outside of the giant ocean tank and I consider them all to be of high caliber and ideal for anyone interested in marine animal care and handling, To any SCUBA divers out there, you will find no internship better than being a New England Aquarium diver in the giant ocean tank. Swimming with sharks and feeding stingrays and giant sea turtles has truly been a humbling and life altering experience; I suggest it to anyone who thinks that doing this two or three times a day would make an interesting summer."

#### New England Aquarium - (Nirali Shah)

"I truly feel that anyone interested in working with animals should consider this internship. It also would be extremely beneficial for people who are planning on going into the education field, as it helps sharpen public speaking and presentation skills. In order to get the position one has to demonstrate a fair knowledge of the subject as well as a passion for education. It is definitely a tiring job and one must be committed to it 100%. In order to interact with people all day, we absolutely have to be enthusiastic, awake, and on top of our game. Be ready to answer questions, some of which are easy but many of which are incredibly obscure. And most importantly, be able to say, "I don't know, but I would love to find out for you."

#### New England Aquarium (Adrienne Snider)

"I definitely recommend interning at New England Aquarium, whether it's the penguin department or not. The job is hard work sometimes and always unglamorous (be prepared to touch dead fish, scrub guano, get bitten, and be in cold water most of the day), but it's such a unique and amazing opportunity. The job

is such a blast, and everyone who works there is super nice. Although unpaid, you get great benefits from the aquarium, and the volunteer office does fun things for the interns like holding pizza parties and resume workshops. The aquarium is addicting -- once you start there you never want to leave!"

## New England Aquarium's Penguin Colony Internship - (Lauren Stamatis)

"I would highly recommend this internship to people interested in the field of animal care. The majority of the work is far from glamorous but the skills and lessons learned in such an environment are applicable to all types of animal care. This internship involves work that will make your bones weary but leave you with hundreds of stories and a smile on your face at the end of the day. This by far has been the best internship I have participated in and would recommend it to any passionate and hardworking person!"

## New England Equine Medical & Surgical Center Internship - (Julia Gloviczki)

"I would recommend this internship to anyone who is interested in becoming an equine or large animal veterinarian. The amount of experience one gains in just one or two weeks is astronomical. The veterinarians and vet technicians allow the interns and externs to apply what they know in the cases. Freedom is given to the interns to administer medications, and to offer opinions about the topics being discussed. In just two weeks, I feel that I gained the experience of a lifetime"

## North Country Animal Hospital/North Country Equine (Amanda Shackford)

"After completion of my summer internship at North Country Animal Hospital/North Country Equine I would unquestionably recommend the internship and my supervisor to other Animal Science students. Working with Dr. Alfred Famiglietti D.V.M. was a priceless experience because he was so knowledgeable in equine medicine. He was also sincerely admired by his clients because he became bonded with them and his patients. Since he has taken over a small animal hospital and continued to run his large animal practice, which is mostly equine, an internship with Dr. Famiglietti D.V.M. provides any pre-vet student with intense experiences that they will carry with them forever.."

## O.

#### Ocean Mammal Institute (Emily Shaer)

Location: Hawaii

"I believe I learned more in this class than any I have ever taken. Not only is Dr. Green exceptionally knowledgeable on the topic of humpback whales and underwater noise pollution, but she is passionate about her work, which allowed for me to become passionate as well. I remember being told by Dr. Green that after I work with the whales, they will change my life and she was absolutely right. Humpback whales are astonishing creatures and an essential part of our ocean's ecosystem. If we don't act soon and educate others on their importance, they will no longer be

From this experience I feel I have developed the skills needed to become a successful researcher and I will certainly continue to increase awareness on the environmental issues concerning the humpback whale."

## P.

#### Petit Brook Veterinary Clinic - (Danielle Fontaine)

Location: Colchester, Vermont

"Working with Dr. Millie has been an amazing opportunity for me. I have learned so much from her as she always takes the time to explain things to me, no matter what it is. She lets me try things out for myself which is important in learning the right way to do something. Dr. Millie is a great veterinarian and I really respect her in her ability to work well with both the patient and the owner. I feel lucky to have been able to work with her."

#### Plimoth Plantation - (Sariann Lehrer)

Location: Plymouth, MA

"My Plimoth Plantation internship has certainly been among the best jobs I have ever had. It was thrilling for me to enjoy going to work everyday, as well as look forward to the next day. I would recommend thhis internship gor any animal science major. It is an excellent internship that provides hands-on experience with multiple species, and teaching from a knowledgeable staff."

#### Pioneer Valley Veterinary Hospital Internship - (Laura Putnam)

"Working at the Pioneer Valley Veterinary Hospital was one of the best experiences of my life. I got to experience everything that happens in a veterinary hospital and got a lot of great hands-on experience. Dr. Underwood and her staff treated me wonderfully and were always willing to teach me. I would recommend the Pioneer Valley Veterinary Hospital to anyone who wants to get the full experience of what it is like to be a small animal veterinarian."

#### Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium Internship - (Madeline Camerlengo)

"The SCUBA Diving internship at the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium was a great learning experience. You will learn about fish in fresh and salt-water environments and get to interact with them in the exhibits. If you are a certified SCUBA diver and want a unique experience, this internship is for you!"

#### Pittsfield Veterinary Hospital - (Laura Mertzlufft)

"This past summer, I worked part-time as a Veterinary Technician Intern at Pittsfield Veterinary Hospital/The Animal Emergency Rescue of the Berkshires. It was a wonderful learning experience, as I had never before worked in this setting. I learned how to help perform a variety of procedures and observed how to treat many health problems in companion animals. I found that it's often easier working with pets than their owners! My coworkers had a great sense of humor and I was impressed by their knowledge base and technical skills. One thing to note is that this internship is not for everyone because it wasn't very structured, and the fast-paced nature of the emergency veterinary hospital was sometimes overwhelming. I would certainly recommend interning here if you are serious about pursuing a veterinary or related degree."

#### Poulin Grain, Inc. - (Megan Swasey)

"The time I spent with the Poulin Grain, Inc. team has offered valuable research-oriented, hands-on experience with the dairy industry. I gained insights into the daily responsibilities of leading agricultural

nutritionists. Dr. Rossiter is a phenomenal resource for any prospective veterinary, nutrition or research students."

Poulin Grain Website: http://www.poulingrain.com

Q

R.

#### Refuge for Saving the Wildlife - (Jessica Katz)

Location: Northbrook, Illinois

"Although overwhelming at first, the Refuge is a welcoming, warm environment. Other volunteers are a wealth of information, and the birds quickly worm their way into one's heart. It is important to learn how to read birds' body language quickly."

#### Riding to the Top Therapeutic Riding Center - (Marissa Stewart)

Marissa (on right) is leading Henry who is riding Teddy. Even though Marissa is in control of the horse, the rider (depending on ability) is the one who commands the horse to turn and stop.

Marissa gained experience working with people with disabilities and she assisted with horse therapy at Riding to the Top Therapeutic Riding Center in New Gloucester, Maine. Riding to the Top is a non-profit organization that has been providing therapeutic riding services to people with disabilities since 1993. Marissa assisted with horse therapy classes so that she can eventually become certified to teach horse therapy classes herself.

I was teaching lessons by myself by the end of the summer, which was a huge responsibility and honor. If you don't know anything about therapeutic riding, you should volunteer at the first opportunity you get.

I am also scheduled to take the certification next spring, which was my goal of this internship. But most of all I never expected the respect, trust, responsibility, and friendship I gained by working on the farm.

I can't describe to you how wonderful it is...to improve someone's life, to see them smile, giggle, and just enjoy life is so wonderful.

Every day I worked with people that were less fortunate than me..to be part of the reason that they smiled, to see that they enjoyed life made me realize how precious my life is, and that's priceless

#### River Cove Animal Hospital - (Brittany Marble)

"I had an amazing experience at River Cove Animal Hospital. The staff challenged me everyday to expand my skills by giving me new tasks. It was a wonderful way to end my journey at UVM by allowing me to apply the skills and knowledge I learned in the class room in a real hospital setting."

#### Rosamond Gifford Zoo Internship - (Lindsey Audunson)

"I highly reommend doing an internship at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park. The staff and zoo keepers are more then happy to help in any way possible to ensure that your experience is met, but without creating a false perspective of how the zoo really is. The whole experience gave me a perfect understanding of how the zoo works

behind the scenes as well as with interations with the public. However, it is expremely important to go in with an open mind and the ability to enjoy it all in order to have a successful outcome!"

## S.

#### St. Johnsbury Animal Hospital - (Chelsea Tomat)

Location: St. Johnsbury, Vermont

"By the end of the summer I was hooked and my equine plans appear to be changing. The people wo worked at the St. Johnsbury Animal Hospital respected my knowledge and ability to help them and the vets really trusted me, which made me feel great. I made friends and had experiences that I will never forget."

#### Sea Life Park Hawaii – (Sarah Henry)

"This is the most hands-on marine mammal training...you will also meet a great team of people with all levels of experience who are willing to help further your education on your career path. My only suggestion is to take advantage of every opportunity while you are out there and go out there with the goal to work for everything you learn. This easily was the beginning of the rest of my life and a very important stepping-stone in meeting my challenge of becoming a marine mammal veterinarian."

### Shelburne Farms- (Lindsey Desrochers)

"Shelburne Farms is a beautiful and friendly place to work. The entire staff loves what they are doing and they are all more than willing to answer questions and make sure you are getting everything out of the experience that you want and more! Once you've been a part of Shelburne Farms, you'll never want to leave!"

#### Sheepcote Equestrian Center Internship - (Margot Chalmers)

"I recommend David and Serena Pincus as dressage instructors. They are both experts in their field, and students will learn not only about dressage and riding, but about a variety of other horse management topics and practices as well. I recommend this internship to someone who is dedicated to progressing further in their riding and horsemanship, eager to learn, very hardworking, and who has a good sense of humor. In order for a student to gain the most from this internship, I recommend them to stay for at least two to three months."

#### Sierra Veterinary Hospital Internship - (Stephanie Miller)

"I would recommend Sierra Veterinary Hospital in Carson City, NV to anyone who is thinking of becoming a veterinarian and would like some hands on experience. The staff there are incredible and make you feel very welcome. There are so many opportunities at SVH from learning about vaccinations and regular checkups to surgeries and exotic pet illnesses. The five veterinarians who work there love to show you all about their job and are more than willing to answer any questions and explain procedures and medications. It was a fantastic experience and just confirmed even more my passion of animals and dream to become a veterinarian."

### Earth Ltd. Discovery Center at Southwick's Zoo - (Jamie Wirasnik)

"You just have to go for it! I went into my internship at Southwick's Zoo not knowing what to expect, and came out with experiences of a lifetime, and memories I will never forget."

"If you're interested in getting the experience of working in a zoo setting, you can't be picky. Take what you can get because you never know what will happen, and use it as a learning experience."

#### Student Conservation Association (Jessica Schulz)

Location: various

"The Student Conservation Society gave me the ultimate opportunity to build my resume and explore my abilities. I highly recommend an SCA internship to any student looking to further themselves through environmental stewardship."

# Student Conservation Association - (Rachel Welicky) Sea Turtle Conservation Project at Canaveral National Seashore

"This internship was an experience of a life-time. Not only did I learn a lot and make connections for the future, but I had a blast! I think this experience has helped me grow from a novice biologist into a concerned ecologist. This summer I have learned that the time to mix education and action is now!"

## Τ.

#### The Dog School Internship - (Lander Bari)

"This was the experience of a lifetime. I would definitely recommend that people keep an open mind and don't assume that because you took the class with Jamie that you know how to do everything. I learn new things about dog training every day and sometimes I learn it from the people who are taking the class!"

#### The Dog School Internship - (Kirsten Cremer)

"I would recommend to any animal science student who is looking to go into the dog training or animal behavior field to do an internship with The Dog School. The staff is fun to work with and the job itself is interesting and rewarding. However, anyone who is interested should be prepared to get their hand (and sometimes their whole bodies) dirty, because dogs have no consideration for whether or not you just sowered and don't feel like getting mud on you! This internship also needs a confident, out going person because it is a very public job and you will not learn as much if you are shy and unresponsive. I honestly think that this was one of my better decisions while an undergraduate at UVM and the skill I learned will help me in the future."

#### The Dog School Internship - (Kerry Leonard)

"The Dog School was a good place to learn more about pack behavior as well as training a class to work with their dogs. Also, it helps you learn the responsibilities of a trainer before, during and after classes, and the public relations side of dog work. I would recommend this internship to anyone that is interested in working with dogs and gaining knowledge of the people they will be working with when pursuing a career with dogs. Also, be prepared to be loved by many dogs, as you are often the one with the best treats."

### The Dog School Internship - (Kara McDonough)

"I have completed my internship at The Dog School. I have absolutely loved working with both Jamie Shaw and Sam Punchar. Since I began the first week in September, I have been doing various duties that include hiking, bathing and grooming dogs at Jamie's home boarding business; working at the office; helping out with classes offered at The Dog School; and listening in on private lessons with Jamie and with Sam for her Random Rescue organization. I have learned an incredible amount of information and have really learned how to apply myself in all these areas. Sam is very knowledgeable about training and dog behavior, which is very evident through her teaching styles in class. Jamie's years of experience have helped her to become one of the most well-known trainers in all of Vermont. I highly recommend doing an internship at The Dog School. It has been such a great pleasure and opportunity to work with such knowledgeable people in this field."

#### The Dog School - (Sara Schevis)

"If you have a passion for dogs and an interest in canine behavior and training, I would definitely recommend interning at The Dog School. I may have had an advantage over other interns learning about dog training in the classroom here at UVM [ASCI 154] as well as observing, participating, and training during obedience, agility, spirited dog classes and private behavior consultations at the training school. This internship allowed me to work on my people skills working with the owners and creating relationships with the dogs by understanding their behaviors through body language, their form of communication. I am beginning to think I know how to speak dog! Interning here has prepared me for my future plans of training working dogs being used for search and rescue, drugs and narcotic search and bomb detection. I will remember this experience as the beginning and certainly not the end of my dog training career."

#### Thesewoods Kennels - (Jillian Abraham)

"My internship with Ingrid Bower, owner of Thesewoods Kennels, has been nothing but beneficial to me personally and academically. She is an extremely knowledgeable musher who has many years of experience behind her in breeding, sled dog racing, and showing dogs in competitions. This internship, which requires me to travel to Underhill, VT. once or twice a week has kept my spirits high in the fact that I am in the best University and area for my passion of animals and the environment. I look forward to keep learning from her and can not wait till I someday have my own dog team.

At the beginning of this semester I knew I had fallen upon a rare opportunity that could not be ignored or even procrastinated. I met Ingrid Bower, and began an internship with her, her two friends, and twenty-three beautiful Alaskan husky dogs. I didn't know what to expect of the internship; how much I would learn, be responsible to do, or if I would form an enjoyable relationship with a person I had just met. I didn't even know how I would actually manage to get forty-five minutes from campus once or twice a week when I don't own a car or have money to pay for gas. However, the experience I've had with Ingrid, Karen, Joe, and all their dogs has been nothing but a wonderful learning experience that I feel comfortable always revisiting. They each taught me more that I would ever learn in a one-semester class on campus, and it wasn't just about dogs.

Overall, I am ecstatic about the opportunity that I have had over this past semester and am so appreciative at the fact that I now have a place to visit anytime I want to, not only get out of the dorm, but Burlington altogether, and be in the mountains at an actual home that just happens to have a kennel in the backyard with beautiful sled dogs, four sheep in the front yard, two house dogs and four cats, and friendly, welcoming people."

#### Thesewoods Kennels - (Stacy Crosby)

"Thesewoods Kennels is a great environment to work in. Not only do you get to work with great people, but you also get to work with dogs that truly love their job. You'll get everything back that you put in. Working with Ingrid and her Siberian Huskies has become an invaluable experience."

#### Thesewoods Kennels - (Caitlin Fickett)

"Working with Ingrid Bower and the dogs has been the best thing to happen to me in college. Ingrid and Karen have opened their kennel, their hearts, and their home to me and they have become like family."

#### Thesewoods Kennels Internship - (Casey Fleming)

Location: Underhill, Vermont

"Doing an internship with Thesewoods Kennels is a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in working dogs. You will work intimately handling training, and falling in love with Ingrid Bower's wonderful purebred Siberian Huskies. Anyone interested must be willing to get downright cold and dirty, but what you receive in return is well worth it. I gained invaluable knowledge about dogs - how to train them, feed and care for them, run and breed them, and also simply what makes them tick. I loved my experience working at Thesewoods Kennels and I would whole-heartedly recommend it to others."

#### Thesewoods Kennels Internship - (Amanda Gerbasi)

"This internship was truly a great experience for me. I learned about pack behavior and working as a team with both the dogs and my co-workers. I have realized that although I love the dogs I [would] much rather work with less domestic animals. However, for anyone else who loves dogs, this is definitely the internship for you. If you didn't see it before, these dogs will become truly majestic in your eyes."

#### Thesewoods Kennels Internship - (Marissa Guidoboni)

"I would strongly recommend this internship to anyone looking to work with and fall in love with an incredible group of dogs and people. As long as you are not afraid of a little hard work and the time commitment, you will receive back tenfold what you put in. If you think you would like to work with dogs in the future or you just love dogs in general, I strongly encourage you to look into this amazing opportunity. I can easily say that this internship has been the most rewarding experience of my life!"

#### Thesewoods Kennels Internship - (Diana Stewart)

"To anyone who may be concerned, I did two semesters of the Thesewoods Kennels internship from 2008 to 2009. This internship is one of a kind and very involving. It is non paying but you do get free home-cooked meals and transportation to and from training spots and races. Unless you have your own car, pitching in for gas and/or buying appropriate cold weather gear are the only expenses involved in the internship. So now with the business out of the way, working for Ingrid and with the team of Siberian huskies is an amazing opportunity that I enjoyed thoroughly. For dog lovers this is a dream come true! Your job is to clean/maintain kennels and equipment, prepare feed and help during feeding, maintain trails and equipment, and play with puppies! During fall training, before the snow falls, you get the opportunity to drive an ATV or ride on the ATV that the team is pulling and see first hand what it is like to watch the team from the mushers position. In the winter we switched to sleds and the interns get a few chances to run the sleds. The dogs are very sweet and friendly, and they LOVE their job! You learn quite a bit about sled dog needs and behavior as well as pack behavior and how to act around them. The internship does take up quite a bit of time; both weekend days and one week morning. So if you have a busy schedule, keep in mind that when the training becomes more intense and longer hours closer to the races, you may be arriving at Ingrid's at 8am and not getting home until 10pm!"

"Overall, the only drawbacks to the internship are long hours and some gas expenses, while the positives include: being active and outside while learning a new sport and hanging out with fun people and cute amazing dogs! If that sounds like your thing then go for it! I certainly don't regret it and had an amazing experience that I will remember for the rest of my life."

#### Thordale Shetland Stud - (Anna Bigelow)

"This internship takes place in the Shetland Islands of Scotland, which is one of the most spectacular locations in the world. The farm is near beaches, cliffs, and fun riding tracks. You live in a lovely croft house and are given homecooked meals with homemade bread and local products. In return for the hospitality, you help in the care and

exercise of breeding horses and other horses. You learn about what qualities to breed for, how to care for foals, how to act around stallions, and so much more. You get to ride Icelandic horses, drive Shetland ponies, and even train some greener horses. If you want to earn more about breeding and horse behavior while going abroad, this internship is a fantastic opportunity. I would recommend it to any animal science student."

#### Tiger Creek Wildlife Refuge - (Lindsey King)

"I definitely have to say that I lucked out this summer. In May I boarded a plane bound for Texas, knowing very little about the place I was headed, the people I was about to meet and the world I was about to enter. I walked in blind, and my experience turned out better than I ever could have imagined. I truly believe that I met the two most honest, respectable and hardworking people in all of the cat world, and I would recommend to anyone interested in this field to pursue an internship with Terri and Brian"

#### Triple Combination Farm - (Sarah Fauver)

"Triple Combination Farm is one of the most positive learning environments that I have ever been a part of. My advice is to throw all of your energy into improvement of your knowledge and abilities and not waste any energy fearing judgment or ridicule. Andrea Chris and Mary value a student that is willing to put in the time and shows the hunger to learn more. All three of these women are huge sources of knowledge that will lend themselves to anyone that truly wants a higher level of understanding of riding and horse management."

Triple Combination Farm Website: http://www.triplecombinationfarm.com

### Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine Internship - (Erin King)

"I would certainly recommend this internship to another student who is looking to volunteer/intern at the Tufts oncology program. Being a small department at Tufts, you really get to know the vets and the vet techs. They are all wonderful teachers and love to answer questions and explain procedures. In the oncology department, there were always new things to do and everyone is willing to teach the volunteer/intern new tasks and gie new responsibilities. In general, since tufts is a 'teaching institution," it is truly a great lace for hands-on learning."

### Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine - (Jackie Zuppe)

"If you are looking to dedicate yourself to months of learning and listening, Tufts is the place. You need the patience to do many janitorial things like stocking and cleaning because no matter how insignificant it may seem, it is really needed. Humble yourself. Being a prestigious and busy clinic, Tufts offers so much to learn about animal care, from the healthy to the sickest of animals! But you need to take the initiative to seek out the learning, to ask questions, to pick people's brains because no one is going to teach you unless you ask."

## U.

## University of Florida/Florida Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit - (Sheila Madrak)



Sheila is taking a curved carapace length (CCL) measurement of a juvenile Green Sea turtle while netting in St. Joe Bay.

"My internship experience made for the best summer of my life thus far. I have had a relentless and increasing interest in sea turtles that had only been satisfied through my appetite of books about them. I spent my summer fulfilling a long time dream of researching sea turtles as Archie Carr did for his life's career as is documented in his many books describing his travels and work. This internship provided me with exactly the hands-on experience I was hoping for. The first nesting turtle I saw was truly a memory I will have forever.

The experience of participating in sea turtle research has taught me not only the value of learning the biology, but also the value of conservation of these amazing creatures. I experienced the excitement of interacting with these living dinosaurs as I had only read about in Carr's books and others previous to my summer on Cape Blas. We monitored the small and dwindling population of Loggerheads that nested on the Eglin property on Cape San Blas; which I should mention is the fastest eroding beach in the state of Florida.

I will continue with my quest to pursue sea turtle research and hopefully make even a small difference in their existence."

### UVM's Animal Care Facility - (Daniel Fontaine)

"Working with the veterinary technicians was one of the greatest experiences I have had. To work with them, you have to be willing to pay very close attention to all of the animals in the facility, as well as be very organized with documents. Working here, I was able to learn many things about laboratory animals that I never would have known. It changed my entire outlook on laboratory science, and gave me the opportunity to see a different side of science than I am used to. I highly recommend this internship to anyone who is interested in animal care and management."

#### Undergraduate Research at the University of Vermont - (Daria Pause)

"An internship in a research lab is a valuable experience for any student with a passion for science. Science laboratories offer an incredible opportunity for learning and gaining new skills which will benefit the student in future career endeavors. An internship within any science department at the University of Vermont is highly recommended to individuals who are looking for an area of interest, and a life-long commitment to science and exploration."

## V.

#### Vermont Institute of Natural Science - (Rose Addante)

"The learning opportunities at the Vermont Institute of Natural Science are a good match for individuals that learn by taking core knowledge they have and applying it in a hands-on experience. For those who want to increase their knowledge base, VINS offers opportunities to build a strong foundation of core knowledge about birds in general, and raptors specifically. The core curriculum is offered through numerous trainings for interns, staff and volunteer staff, and includes every aspect of raptor rescue and rehabilitation. Working in the raptor center affords opportunities to directly care for injured and recovering raptors and for those raptors (used for educational purposes) that are permanent residents at the rehabilitation center. The opportunity to learn about the overall operations of a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation organization, including the impact of mandated state and national wildlife policies, offers a practical experience in what it takes to run an organization like VINS."

#### Vershire Riding School (Cailin McMurdo-Minnich)

Location: Vershire, Vermont

"This summer was definitely one to remember. I learned so much from my experience so that I now feel ready to enter the real world and get a job. I found my passion this summer and that is for teaching. I would enjoy everyday gong out and teaching lessons because I feel as though I am giving my knowledge back to the children who so dearly would like to learn how to ride. This internship has really put my realities and dreams into plae so that once I graduate I will be able to find a career that syits me perfectly."



## Veterinary Centre of Cape Elizabeth - (Lindsay Brunel)

Location: Cape Elizabeth, Maine

"I feel this experience will enhance my resume and has helped me to direct my veterinary goals to that of focusing on emergency medicine or towards specializing in animal reproduction. Seeing the positive effects of acupuncture, I would like to be open to that as well as other non-traditional forms of medicine. I would recommend this type of experience to anyone thinking about a veterinary career. It is an opportunity to step out of the classroom and have a hands--on experience that shows the real requirements of the profession."

## W.

### Waggles Dog Training Services - (Jennifer Schissler)

"Waggles is a dog training facility that uses positive reinforcement clicker training methods. They teach a wide range of classes from basic manners to agility to fly ball. The people at Waggles are always willing to help clarify or explain unfamiliar concepts. Interning at Waggles has taught me about dog training and how one must work with owners in order to teach the dogs desired behaviors. A dog can be taught a behavior but if the owner does not practice the behavior with the dog then the dog will still display undesired behavior when at home. A lot of what a dog training facility does is working with the owners and teaching them how to train their dogs rather than just training the dogs.."

#### Walnut Grove Farms - (Brian Trudell)

"Kirkland, Illinois is an area similar to Vermont in climate, demographics, and dairy practices. Grain production is the most popular agriculture in northern Illinois. Walnut Grove Farms is an up and coming organization. My experience with them was very challenging and rewarding. Working with the Heinsohns requires experience and the ability to deal with adversity."

#### White Oak Conservation Center - (Laura Lickel, UVM/ASCI Alum)

"From preparing cheetah and rhino diets during the day to monitoring a pregnant okapi and injured maned wolf at night, my White Oak experience was incredible. The staff welcomed me into their family and really fostered my interest in animal husbandry, nutrition, and conservation. When I left with their network of support, I was able to move forward in my career by working at the Wildlife Comservation Society, complete graduate school under one of the top zoo nutritionists, and obtain my current position as Nutrition Manager at Lincoln Park Zoo."

#### Wild Things - (Jordan Stahl)

"I would totally recommend this internship at Wild Things. It is a small place compared to a big zoo, so you are able to get close with the other people who work there and the animals. They have a good, well-organized program so you learn a lot and get a lot of experience with different things like preparing diets. Also, they are hands-on with their animals, where as a lot of zoos are going away from that, so you can get pretty close to the animals, and even hold some. I had lots of fun and I think other people would too."

#### Wildlife Care Association - (Lindsey Davison)

"The Wildlife Care Association really gave me the opportunity to work side by side with vets and experienced rehabilitators so I could develop a true understanding of what is involved with wildlife rehabilitation. I had no idea that wildlife could recover from such tremendous injuries. Their courage and strength to survive was truly amazing and they quickly became a role model for me, teaching me a valuable life lesson. Rehabilitation has always been a topic of interest for me, something always thought may lead to a possible career choice. After working at the WCA, I realized everything that I could do as a rehabilitator and am anxious to pursue a future with it."

#### Wildlife Center of Virginia - (Sarina Selleck)

"The Wildlife Center of Virginia provided me with valuable experience with a variety of species of native animals. I was not only able to learn about the care and keeping of raptors, reptiles, amphibians, songbirds, and small mammals, but I was also able to learn about restraining them for veterinary procedures and about treating them for common injuries and ailments. The veterinary staff was more than willing to allow me to assist with, and even perform, treatments for patients. A majority of the preceptorship is pent with the rehabilitation staff, where you learn how to hand rear orphaned animals and prepare all animals for release. I highly suggest this preceptorship for students contemplating a career in wildlife veterinary medicine or wildlife conservation/rehabilitation. I should note that the focus is not veterinary medicine, but rather animal rehabilitation and release. If you are looking to gain veterinary experience, be prepared to seek it out, as the opportunities are there, but are not part of the curriculum."





Ζ.

## Wildlife Conservation Society - Robert C. Engel Mammalogy Intern Program at the Bronx Zoo (James Sturzione)

"Words cannot express the joy I have had this summer being an intern at the Bronx Zoo. All the hard work, along with the dirt and sweat, paid off as I was part of an elite team at one of the, if not THE most prestigious, zoos in the world. Whether it was observing gorillas or cleaning barn stalls, I will cherish every moment I have spent here."



#### Wind Ridge Fjord and Friends - (Anna Bigelow)

"I highly recommend this internship to any student who wants to learn about training horses for therapy while also learning about starting/running a non-profit business. It is a chance to turn passion into reality for those horse enthusiasts out there and to see your hard work training under saddle empowering students in amazing ways. I was included in board meetings which allowed me to network and meet successful people who can help me in many future endeavors. If you are looking for a chance to ride/train horses under the supervision of some really wonderful people and help children at the same time, this internship is for you."

#### Windridge Sports Camp - Teela-Wooket (Jamie Dutil)

"To work in the horse program at Windridge, it is necessary that you are able to be part of a team. Everyone works together to take care of the horses and help the campers. You also must be willing to wake up pretty early for summer vacation - I was at Windridge and working by no later than seven in the morning. The internship would be most beneficial to those who already have a pretty good knowledge of horses and some experience. This way the most opportunities to learn and have fun are available to you. Also, with twenty-six horses, you must be able to identify horse body language so you will recognize a potentially dangerous situation, and also be able to learn something about each individual horse's personality. Another skill which you must have to work at Windridge is patience with the campers. Some of them don't speak English at all, and you must be able to communicate through body language and example the correct ways to handle a horse to the camper, so safety is not compromised. Some campers have never been around horses before and are frightened of them - you must be able to understand this fear while still encouraging them to learn and try new things."

Wizard of Paws - (Taylor Goucher)

"I highly recommend this internship; the environment at Wizard of Paws was very relaxed and I learned a ton without the stresses of "doing it wrong or right." The part that I enjoyed most was the fact that I got to practice veterinary medicine without being the "bad guy." The dogs loved coming in for their sessions each week and it was refreshing to work with animals that weren't trying to growl/bark/bite or get away. It was also rewarding that the dogs came back each week so I had the privilege of getting to know them and their owners and watching them improve! This internship opened my eyes to a new path of veterinary medicine and provided me with great connections for the future."

### Wolf Park - (Cynthia Little)

Location: Battle Ground, Indiana.

"All in all, this was a wonderful internship that I would definitely recommend. I would warn whoever may think about applying that you have to be willing to work HARD and get DIRTY without complaining."

Wolf Park Website: <a href="http://www.wolfpark.org/overview.html">http://www.wolfpark.org/overview.html</a> Internship information: <a href="http://www.wolfpark.org/intern.html">http://www.wolfpark.org/intern.html</a>

