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OBJECTIVE

A hard-working well-rounded individual seeking an associate veterinarian position in a companion animal veterinary clinic with opportunity for mentorship

EDUCATION

Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine

Expected, *May 2018*

University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, Urbana, IL

- Concentration on Small Animal

Bachelor of Science in Biology

May 2014

North Park University

- Concentration in Pre-Veterinary Medicine
- Summa cum laude

WORK EXPERIENCE

Companion Animal Hospital of Norridge, Norridge, IL

June 2016 to Aug. 2016

Veterinary Technician

- Obtained thorough histories on patients and provided client education
- Safely restrained cats and dogs for a variety of medical procedures
- Became proficient at blood draws, taking diagnostic radiographs, processing lab samples, placing IV catheters, performing parenteral injections, and intubating patients
- Interpreted fecal floats, urine cytologies, ear cytologies, and urine dipsticks
- Provided pre- and post-op surgical treatment including sedation, venipuncture, blood pressure assessment, catheterization, blood gas analysis, and recovery
- Monitored anesthesia and assisted in numerous surgeries
- Performed routine dental cleanings and extractions
- Observed both routine and nonroutine surgeries performed by board certified surgeon
- Trained new employees

Wright-Way Rescue Veterinary Clinic, Morton Grove, IL

June 2015 to Aug. 2015

Veterinary Assistant

- Took extensive histories on patients and communicated with neighboring shelter about medical needs of animals
- Provided restraint for various medical procedures on cats and dogs
- Cleaned kennels, surgery room, laboratory area, examination rooms, isolation rooms, and lobby to prevent spread of illnesses
- Monitored boarders to ensure a proper recovery from procedures
- Practiced procedures under guidance of a veterinarian including necropsies, IV catheterization, and intubation
- Helped to smoothly run once monthly low-cost vaccine clinics

North Park University, Chicago, IL

Aug. 2013 to May 2014

Writing Advisor

- Met individually with class of 30 students to review their writing assignments in science-based courses

- Guided students on proper techniques for scientific writing
- Communicated regularly with course instructors to discuss areas where students needed further direction

Golf-Mil Veterinary Hospital, Niles, IL

Mar. 2013 to Jan. 2015

Veterinary Assistant

- Restrained for vaccinations, blood draws, x-rays, surgeries, and other medical procedures
- Maintained clean kennels, surgery room, laboratory area, examination rooms, and lobby to prevent spread of illnesses
- Monitored all boarders to ensure a proper recovery from procedures
- Organized and maintained medical and x-ray files and inventory of medical supplies
- Observed routine operations such as spays, neuters, and growth removals
- Communicated with clients about upcoming appointments

North Park University, Chicago, IL

Aug. to Dec. 2012

Teaching Assistant in Microbiology

- Prepared all media and lab equipment to ensure an efficient laboratory environment
- Supervised a class of 20 students and checked that proper protocol and techniques were followed to ensure a safe laboratory experience
- Guided students through the course and helped them to implement concepts in a laboratory setting

Cream of the Crepe, Park Ridge, IL

May 2010 to Mar. 2013

Barista

- Promptly prepared and served hot and cold beverages, such as coffee, espresso drinks, freshly squeezed orange juice, teas, and smoothies
- Placed and served crepe orders to hundreds of customers per day and communicated with chefs about customer needs such as gluten allergies or special requests
- Cleaned all service and seating areas

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Cosley Zoo, Wheaton, IL

June 2013 to Aug. 2013

Animal Care Intern

- Cleaned and performed general husbandry for variety of domestic and wild animals
- Interacted with the public and offered education, information, assistance, and control when necessary
- Prepared diets according to dietary guidelines and restrictions for each animal
- Recorded 30-minute timed behavioral observations of the bobcats and implemented new enrichment activities
- Trained a variety of animals including chickens and hedgehogs using operant conditioning techniques

Wright-Way Animal Rescue, Niles, IL

July 2012 to Aug. 2012

Veterinary Assistant

- Prepared vaccines and materials for blood tests and microchipping for weekly low-cost vaccine clinics
- Held animals for vaccinations and blood draws to allow the veterinarian to safely treat 60 animals per day
- Ensured that the appropriate vaccines and blood tests were being performed on the animal and followed proper vaccine schedule

North Park University, Chicago, IL

Oct. 2012 to May 2013

Research Assistant

- Performed medical and behavioral research on the rat parkinsonian brain

- Observed rat behavior and rank and record dyskinesia in each rat to determine the efficiency of potential therapies
- Administered anesthesia to rats for medical procedures

Golf-Mil Veterinary Hospital, Niles, IL

Kennel Technician

Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2013

- Held animals for vaccinations, blood draws, x-rays, surgeries, and other medical procedures
- Cleaned kennels, surgery room, laboratory area, examination rooms, and lobby to prevent spread of illnesses
- Organized and maintained medical and x-ray files
- Observed operations such as spays, neuters, and growth removals

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Veterinary Student Outreach Program *Aug. 2016 to present*
- Women’s Veterinary Leadership Development Initiative *Aug. 2016 to present*
- Illinois Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association *Aug. 2014 to present*
- Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association *Aug. 2014 to present*
- TriBeta National Biological Honor Society Vice President *Aug. 2013 to May 2014*
- Pi Theta Sorority *May 2011 to May 2014*
- Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society *Jan. 2011 to May 2014*
- Pre-Professional Club *Aug. 2010 to May 2011*

ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

- Fall 2016: Canine and Feline Behavior
- Fall 2016: Basics of Business
- Spring 2016: Shelter Medicine I
- Spring 2016: Companion Animal Rehab
- Fall 2015: Fundamentals of Management
- Fall 2015: Fish Medicine and Surgery
- Spring 2015: Reptile Medicine and Surgery
- Fall 2014: ZooMed: What is Your Diagnosis?

AWARDS

- 2011: Platinum Transfer Student Scholarship, North Park University
- 2010 – 2011: Dean’s List, Carthage College
- 2010: Founder’s Scholarship, Carthage College
- 2010: Taft Alumni Scholarship
- 2010: Kiwanis Club Scholarship

REFERENCES

Available upon request