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OBJECTIVE

To obtain a position as a veterinarian in a rural, predominantly dairy practice with mentorship and a strong team environment

EDUCATION

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Expected in 2010

Food Animal Medicine focus

Bachelor of Science in Animal Science

2006

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Graduated with High Honors

International Study

Summer 2004

United Kingdom and Ireland

Food, Agriculture, Environment

Intensive study of International Policies, Practices, and Current Issues

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Lab Attendant III

Summer 2008

Dairy Cattle Mastitis Lab, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Anaerobic and Mycoplasma culture and diagnosis

Maintained herd records and herd communication

MSU Food Systems Fellow

Summer 2007

Training Center for Dairy Professionals, Elsie, Michigan

Ketosis and BHBA Research

Recycled sand and mastitis-causing coliform Research

Care for hospitalized cows included: performing physical exams, placing IV catheters, administering medication and fluids (oral, SQ, IM, IV)

Herd health included: rectal palpation, NEFA & IgG testing, mastitis treatments, calf care

Assisted in surgery and calving

Farm Worker and Public Educator

Summer 2006

Domino's Petting Farm, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Educated public about animal agriculture via presentations and interactive hay rides

Livestock care included: feeding; milking; maintenance care such as hoof trimming,

de-horning, castration, de-worming, grooming, administering medication (oral, IM, SQ)

Performed general farm tasks such as painting, hay storage, cleaning stalls

Lab Attendant

2004-2006

Dairy Cattle Nutrition Lab, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Provided general assistance with graduate projects

Dairy Farm duties included: emptying rumens and weighing cows;

urine, fecal, blood, rumenal, duodenal, and ort sampling

Laboratory duties included: data entry, weighing samples, performing nutrient analyses, cleaning lab equipment, mixing solvents

Veterinary Assistant Summer 2003
Red Arrow Animal Clinic, Paw Paw, Michigan
Assisted doctor on 5-8 farm calls per week
Assisted doctor by restraining animals, surgical prep, obtaining and developing radiographs, filling prescriptions, performing lab work
Administered oral medication and nursing care
Provided clerical assistance through patient check in, and completing paperwork

Volunteer and Public Educator 2001-present
Kalamazoo Nature Center Barn, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Kalamazoo County Fair, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Michigan State Fair, Detroit, Michigan
Michigan State University Events, East Lansing, Michigan
Educate primarily urban public about animal agriculture and the birthing process
Provide care for farm animals present

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Veterinary Assistant Summer 2005
Denney Veterinary Services, Vicksburg, Michigan
Assisted doctors in small animal clinic by restraining animals, filling prescriptions, developing radiographs, patient check in, customer service
Administered injections and oral medication, phlebotomy, nursing care

General Kitchen Employee 2002-2004
Wilson Cafeteria, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan
Prepared and served food for 100-250 people per shift, filled in as student cook
Provided customer service
Promoted to Level 2, and received *Student of the Pay Period Award* for February 2003

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

American Association of Bovine Practitioners Member 2007-present
Academy of Rural Veterinarians Member 2007-present
MSU CVM Food Animal Club Member 2006-present
MSU CVM Student Chapter of American Veterinary Medical Association Member 2006-present
MSU CVM Pet Loss Support Hotline Member 2006-present
MSU Pre-veterinary Medical Association Member (2006 Symposium Registration Chair) 2004-2006
MSU Eco Club Member (Campus Recycling Campaign Leader) 2004-2006
MSU Block & Bridle Club Member 2004-2005
MSU Intramural Co-ed Soccer 2003-2007

HOBBIES/WORK INTERESTS

Travel, camping, hiking, fishing, photography
Ruminant nutrition

References Available Upon Request