

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

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 wit h in the truck all summer, was always willing

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

Canine Connection of Vermont has about thirty dogs com

"This internship has been wonderful. I have learned d\lso 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.."

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"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

"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 fun, nurturing environment where you can gain information towards a potential career, learn more about a current career

"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)

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

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."

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Knoll Farm Internship - (Sarah Westney)

"I would recommend this internship to other students interested in equine careers, or who just simply want to improve

Marlboro Animal Hospital - (Joshua Montel)

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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

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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 this internship for 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

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

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

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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 recommend doing an internship at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park. The staff and zoo keepers are more than 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 interactions with the public. However, it is extremely important to go in with an open mind and the ability to enjoy it all in order to have a successful outcome!"

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St. Johnsbury Animal Hospital - (Chelsea Tomat)

Location: St. Johnsbury, Vermont

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"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!"

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

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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

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 Conservation 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)

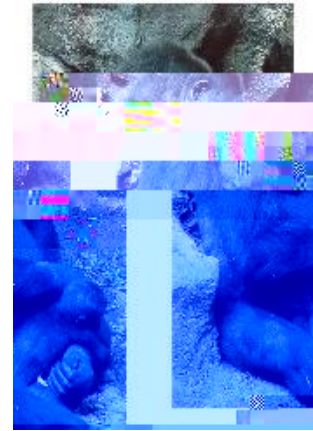
"The Wildlife Care Association really gave me the opportunity to work side by side with vets and experienced rehabilitators so I could develop a true understanding of what is involved with wildlife rehabilitation. I had no idea that wildlife could recover from such tremendous injuries. Their courage 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 spent 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."

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: <http://www.wolfpark.org/overview.html>

Internship information: <http://www.wolfpark.org/intern.html>

