



(Left) Katelyn Wuebbolt introduces, Van Gogh, an eastern screech owl to the children at the Cincinnati Zoo.

Many of our students elect to participate in an internship program to broaden their social awareness as well as expand their educational experience. We are continually seeking to improve our internship program and identify new and worthwhile internship opportunities for our students.

### In Their Own Words...

*"I acquired management skills while on the job by working with different groups of students at once, and by organizing group activities."*

Cincinnati Zoo  
Katelyn Wuebbolt '11

*"When I looked at schools, although it would have been prudent to choose a marine school, I chose UVM for its strong animal science major and its success with students being accepted at vet schools throughout the country."*

Sea Life Park  
Sarah Henry '10

*"None of these experiences were anything I could have imagined before going. I would do this internship again in a heartbeat and I am really hoping I will be able to go back to South Africa someday. It was a trip of a life time."*

African Conservation Experience  
Zaya McSky '11



# Internship Program

(Right) Intern Sarah Gilbert enjoyed interacting with the dolphins at Sea Life Park in Hawaii.



(Left) Kayla Clark assists with surgery on a cow while interning at Green Mountain Bovine and Equine Clinic located in West Chesterfield, NH.



(Right) Jordan Stahl washes an elephant at Wild Things, a sanctuary for animals that can no longer participate in the entertainment industry, located in Salinas, CA.



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**South Africa**

## What Is The Internship Program?

The UVM Animal Science Internship Program is an opportunity for students to earn college credit while receiving supervised practical experience in an on or off-campus animal-related profession.



Julie Blanchard did an internship at Animal Rescue League of Boston.

*"I believe that this internship will be the beginning of a great whirlwind of a ride, and I have never been more excited for my future than I am now."*

## Why Do An Internship?

Good academics, coupled with sound experience from summer employment or internships, are always attractive to prospective employers. Students who have completed an internship secure employment after graduation (often with their former internship provider) at a significantly higher rate than other students. The UVM Department of Animal Science internship program is committed to providing students with work-related experiences relevant to their educational and career goals. Students develop internships in consultation with their advisors.

## How Does an Internship Work?

Employer and intern expectations and requirements are carefully assessed prior to any placement. Employers and interns meet regularly to discuss performance, progress and plans. Student requirements pertaining to work logs, reports, journals, seminars, etc. are stipulated at the time of placement. Evaluations of interns and employers are held upon completion of the internships.

## Writing Up a Contract

An internship contract is an agreement drawn up by the internship coordinator with input from the student. The main components of an internship contract are as follows:

- The learning objectives of the internship and the activities that will meet them are outlined
- Internship evaluation process is defined with internship coordinator and employer
- Number of credits earned is established based on a guideline of 3-4 hours of learning per week per credit (3 credits equal 9-12 hours of work per week)
- Proposed contract is reviewed by internship coordinator and employer

## Internship Credit

Students may work full time for the entire summer and earn up to 4 credits, or any fraction thereof, depending upon position requirements. Students may also do any internship during any semester and earn up to 15 credits. Interns may receive a wage that is more or less than the standard minimum wage, or may work without pay, depending on the nature of the position.



Carey Phalen spent the summer working at the Marine Education Research & Rehabilitation Institute (MEER) in Delaware.

*"I am so grateful to have had this experience and I couldn't have asked for a better way to have spent my summer."*

## Exploring the Possibilities

There is considerable flexibility in developing an internship experience. Interns may be engaged in any or all aspects of an organization, or may focus on specific problem solving or development of projects identified by employers. A large number and variety of agricultural-related internships are possible, from working with agricultural scientists and extension specialists, to working on local farms and studying agricultural practices. Companion animal and animal welfare internships are available at local humane societies and veterinary clinics. A variety of equine-related internships are also possible from working on a breeding farm to assisting trainers. Just a few examples of recently developed internships:

- Burlington Emergency Veterinary Clinic, Williston, VT; help provide care for pets with emergencies ranging from minor wounds to life-threatening diseases or injuries
- Kentucky Equine Management Internship (KEMI), Lexington, KY; get hands-on experience working with some of our country's most prized thoroughbreds
- Overlook Farm, Rutland, MA; care and management of a variety of livestock species
- New England Aquarium, Boston, MA; work with marine science professionals both inside and outside of the aquarium

Explore more possibilities on our web site:

<http://asci.uvm.edu/intern/>



Daniel Newhard worked at Lehigh Valley Zoo in Schnecksville, PA.

*"This internship was awesome. I would highly recommend it to anyone interested in zoo management, animal care and veterinary fields."*