

An Interview with ANSC Major Cora Zenko

Our Companions Sanctuary

(Ashford, CT Spring 2015)



Q: Where did you intern, and when?

At Our Companions Sanctuary in Ashford, CT during Spring 2015 semester.

Q: Was it a paid internship? What did you do there?

No, but I did get 3 credits for it. I was a canine behavior specialist that worked with dogs specifically. I worked with the dogs on their behavioral issues, and the ultimate goal is for them to be adopted out to new homes.

Q: When did you apply for this internship?

A few days before the spring semester started.

Q: How long did the internship last?

The entire semester, my last day was the day before I graduated. They are flexible enough for you to make your own schedule.

Q: How did you learn about this opportunity?

I drove by the property and was interested in volunteering, but then I got an email that was sent out by the Animal Science Department advertising internships at the sanctuary in exchange for class credits so I applied for the internship.

Q: Anything else you'd like to add about your experience?

My ultimate goal is to become a veterinarian and so the internship added to some of the hands on experience that I already have. It also showed the other sides of working with animals and why they act the way they do in certain situations. It was definitely eye-opening on how dogs have diverse personalities and that people should work with their pet instead of forcing them to do something they are uncomfortable with such as in a stressful situation at the vet's office.

Q: What is your area of interest as an ANSC major?

I'm on the pre-vet track.

Q: So, what are your plans when you graduate?

I will be working full time at Farmington Animal Hospital, and part time at Norwalk Vet Hospital and applying to vet school this summer.

Q: If someone has questions, can they contact you regarding your internship experience?

Yes, definitely! Either by my email, cora.zenko@uconn.edu or by cell (203) 816-7904.

