



**An interview with ANSC Major Emily Silva**  
**regarding her Days End Farm Horse Rescue Internship**  
*(Maryland, Summer 2012)*

**Q: Where did you intern, and when?**

Days End Farm Horse Rescue in Woodbine, Maryland

May-August 2012

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

There are 2 types of internships available, residential and non-residential. The residential is not available to students that live in the state of Maryland. As a non-residential the internship is unpaid but as a residential you receive a \$75/week stipend for groceries and such. As an intern I was responsible for completing morning chores such as feeding and administering medications; assisting veterinarians, farriers and trainers; and assisting with rescues and evaluating new horses. We were also assigned “project horses” that we were responsible for training both on the ground and in saddle with the guidance of the head trainer. You work with other interns and are also given lectures and demonstrations on different topics related to the rehabilitation of rescued horses and the legal aspects of running a rescue.



**Q: When did you apply for this internship?**

I applied during the spring semester for the summer internship but they also offer fall, winter and spring internships as well.

**Q: How long did the internship last?**

The requirement for the non-residential internship is to complete 300 hours over the course of the summer, your schedule can be as flexible and busy as you would like it to be. The residential one lasts for 3 months.

**Q: How did you learn about this opportunity?**

I learned about this internship originally from living near the farm and when I was looking for summer internships this one showed up in my searches.

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

This was a very interesting and informative internship. However anyone interested in applying needs to keep in mind that it is not a riding internship; that is dependent on what horses they have at the time and the intern's skill level. This internship involves a lot of hands on activity and is a great way to see how different people and organizations manage a farm and treat the horses.



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

I have a great interest in equine studies and farm management.



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

As of right now I do not have any set plans, however I would like to get into the area of equine reproduction and farm management.

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

Yes, if someone has questions about the internship they can email me at [Emily.Silva@uconn.edu](mailto:Emily.Silva@uconn.edu)