

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

- Watertown Animal Hospital: January 2012 – August 2013 weekly, to Present whenever on breaks from college
- Whispering Winds Animal Connection: Summer 2014

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

- Watertown Animal Hospital:
  - Not a paid internship
  - I have observed and assisted with appointments and surgeries; cleaned the kennels, appointment rooms, surgical room, and general hospital building; scrubbed and ultrasonically cleaned surgical instruments; performed basic blood tests (4DX), spun blood samples in centrifuge; learned how to perform more sophisticated blood tests; prepared fecal samples; prepared vaccines for injection; organized patient files; prepared medications for distribution to clients; helped restrain certain small animals; and drawn blood from certain well-behaved canines
- Whispering Winds Animal Connection:
  - Not a paid internship
    - I have learned how to and have performed the duties of: collecting eggs, cleaning eggs, candling eggs to check for deformities/abnormalities, weighing and sorting eggs according to size, packaging eggs and preparing them for distribution, preparing food and water for geriatric horses, cleaning and refilling chicken waterers, feeding free-range chickens



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

- Watertown Animal Hospital:
  - I called to ask about volunteering at the practice during my winter break in early January 2012
- Whispering Winds Animal Connection

- I applied and spoke with my present supervisors/mentors in person in February 2014



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

- Watertown Animal Hospital:
  - The internship has lasted more than 2 ½ years
- Whispering Winds Animal Connection:
  - The internship will last for about 2 ½ months

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

- I learned about the Watertown Animal Hospital internship through my high school biology teacher (who is a client)
- I learned about the WWAC internship through an email from the UConn Animal Science Department and Dr. Darre

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

- The internship at Watertown Animal Hospital is personal because my family happens to also be clients of the practice, and because I have been an intern with them for so long the employees have become like an extended family to me. Watertown is a friendly, welcoming, supportive practice and everyone has been more than willing to help me learn and advance myself in the veterinary field (the extreme privilege of being allowed to occasionally draw blood samples has been one of my most notable personal learning opportunities).
- My supervisors at WWAC are highly informative and fun to work with; and they will tailor the internship to fit your particular needs and/or what you plan on pursuing in the future.

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

- I am a Pre-Veterinary student interested in surgery and general veterinary practice.



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

- If/when I am accepted, I plan to attend vet school to become a small and large animal surgeon and to possibly own my own practice one day.

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

- Anyone can most definitely contact me regarding my internship experiences