



Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine

Pre-Vet Newsletter

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The Cornell Supplemental Application is available!

The Fall 2011 Supplemental Application for the Class of 2016 is now available on our web site at

<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/CAApplicationsandTP.cfm>. Make sure you review the Application Instructions prior to beginning the application.

In addition to the Supplemental Application you will find a link to the Tracking Page and to the VMCAS Application.

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Important Information for Fall 2011 Applicants: GRE® Deadline Change

If you are an applicant this year for the Class of 2016 please make sure you take the GRE by the end of July, 2011. Scores for GRE's taken August 1, 2011 and after will not be available to colleges until November. Since our deadline is October, this will be too late. Please make sure to register and take the GRE's **BEFORE July 31, 2011** to be considered in this application cycle.

Please visit the Educational Testing Service for more information about test dates and registration at www.ets.org.



Animal Hospital cares for its own-

***Follow-up to Cooper the Cat Article from March
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After being hit by a car and saved through the Companion Animal Hospital's emergency critical care, brain surgery, and intensive nursing, Cooper the barn cat is on the road to recovery.

The Equine and Farm Animal Hospital's former working cat now spends his nights with Katie Howard, Licensed Veterinary Technician. During the day he returns to his original workplace, staying inside the reception area under the staff's watchful eyes, greeting clients, and grooming himself in the sun.

Cooper's vision is improving slightly, he walks well, cleans himself, purrs readily, and loves soaking in the affection of all the staff and clients who pass through.

Congratulations to Cooper for having a strong survivor's spirit, and to all the doctors and staff in Emergency and Critical Care, the Intensive Care Unit, the Section of Neurology, and the Farm Animal Hospital who teamed together to ensure that spirit still lives on!

By Carly Elizabeth Hodes

How to Apply ~at a glance~

- Complete and submit both VMCAS & Cornell Supplemental Application
- Make sure you have 3 VMCAS eLor's (evaluations) requested
- Request official transcripts from EACH of the colleges you attended to be sent to our admissions office
- Take the GRE's by the end of July, 2011 and have the scores sent to college code 2549 (www.ets.org)
- If using AP for General Chemistry and/or Physics (score of 4 or higher) have official scores sent to us from the College Board- college code 4818 (www.collegeboard.com)
- International Applicants- see information at the following link <http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/OAInternational.cfm>
- Dual Degree applicants- 3 additional letters of evaluation required (see section 6 of application if applying for the dual degree)
- New York Residents- complete the residency form found on the tracking page
- Dean's Certification <http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/CADeansCertification.cfm>

Cornell Supplemental Application

<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/CornellSupplementalApplication.cfm>

VMCAS Application

<http://aavmc.org/Students-Applicants-and-Advisors/Veterinary-Medical-College-Application-Service.aspx>

Cornell Application Tracking Page

<https://secure.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/application/track.asp>

Cornell Application Instructions

<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/CAAapplicationsandTP.cfm>

GRE's www.ets.org; MCAT (optional) www.aamc.org (college code 993)



Students lauded for veterinary volunteer work in Trinidad and Tobago

In January 2011, four veterinary students travelled to the Caribbean to help Biomedical Sciences PhD student Miguella Mark-Carew conduct field research for her Fulbright project addressing public health risks in Trinidad and Tobago. Second-year student Jasmine Bruno and third-year students Sarrah Kaye, Erin Lashnits, and Sarah Dumas spent two weeks on the islands collecting parasite samples from dogs, cattle, and water buffalo, processing samples in the lab, counting roaming dogs in the streets, and volunteering in an intensive marathon spaying and neutering event.

“I found out about the opportunity through an informal lecture by Miguella explaining her project and asking for help from the veterinary community,” said Bruno. “The perks were learning parasitology, free housing and transportation, and island fun. It also gave us a chance to compare the veterinary setting at home with that in Trinidad, and to experience field research firsthand.”

Mark-Carew’s project investigates intestinal parasites in dairy cattle and dogs on the islands. These parasites can pass on to humans, posing a serious public health risk. Further risks arise from the islands’ rising population of strays and freely roaming dogs, which Mark-Carew aims to quantify.

“The stray surveillance study interested me the most,” Bruno said. “We worked in the city of Waterloo, a notorious dumping area for unwanted dogs and puppies. Throughout the day, we were able to cover the entire city and counted over 90 roaming dogs.”

The students spent their last two days at the Tobago SPCA staffing its biannual spay and neuter clinic event. They worked side by side with students from the local veterinary school, and other volunteers both local and American. Strapped for space and low on staff, the students worked in rotations to field a rising tide of patients.



“We split up between intake, surgery, and recovery,” recalled Bruno. “We were essentially our own doctors and technicians. The first day we were there from 8 AM to about 10 PM and the

second day we stayed until almost 11 PM. But we were rewarded with the satisfaction that the harder we worked, the more neuters and spays we got through, and the more animals we kept off of the streets. The hardest part was working under limitations. We had limited light once night fell, limited space to hold all of the recovering dogs, and limited experience since many of us were students. There were only about two experienced doctors working per day, and they stayed in surgery all day.”

One of those doctors took special notice of the four students. Dr. Lisa J. Kerwin-Lucci was volunteering at the clinic through the Humane Society International, and working with Cornell students for one day left a remarkable impression, which she shared in a letter to Dean Michael Kotlikoff in February.

“The clinic received invaluable and enthusiastic support from your students, and I was both grateful and impressed,” she wrote. “These students assisted with exams, anesthetic induction, monitoring and recovery, and participated in supervised procedures, and were critical in recognizing and rescuing a spay complication. They worked very long days, but were eager to learn all they could.

“My experience with them left me indelibly impressed and proud to have worked with such dedicated, skilled, and compassionate individuals. These women are excellent examples of the type of professionals veterinary schools should aspire to train. I commend your program on such fine students and hope their experience encourages other

students to pursue similar opportunities in veterinary medicine.”

Lessons learned abroad can carry far, and Bruno, Kaye, Lashnits, and Dumas have brought their newly earned experience back to their veterinary training. “As demanding as the work was, it taught us the endurance to work with what was available,” said Bruno. “It was a very fulfilling experience.”

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To learn more about Miguella-Carow's Fulbright project, check out her blog: http://halfbrightfulbright.blogspot.com/2011_01_01_archive.html

For More Information about the *College of Veterinary Medicine* visit the following links

- Main web site
www.vet.cornell.edu
- Vet Admissions
www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions
- Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/CornelIVetMed>
- Videos
<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/about/>



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Admissions Presentations & Tours



~Summer 2011~

- *Friday, June 17th from 2:00-4:00*
- *Friday, July 8th from 2:00-4:00*
- *Friday, July 15th from 2:00-4:00*
- *Friday, August 5th from 2:00-4:00*

Register for the Admissions Presentations & Tours on our web site~

<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/PresandTours.cfm>