



Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine

Pre-Vet Newsletter

September 2012



Applicant Newsletters

To assist applicants with questions about different parts of the application process we have placed "Applicant Newsletters" on our web site. Each newsletter addresses specific information about a single topic:

- Issue I- Transcripts
- Issue II- Tracking Page
- Issue III- GRE's & MCAT's
- Issue IV- Evaluations
- Issue V- Prerequisite Courses
- Issue IV- Deadlines & Timetable

You will find these newsletters on our web site at

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

If you have questions after reviewing this information feel free to email us at vet_admissions@cornell.edu

A reminder to have your college registrar(s) send official transcripts to our office anytime- no need to wait!

Pre-Vet Clubs

The following are opportunities to meet as a group with the Director of Admissions to talk about the admissions process and our DVM curriculum:

- **Pre-Vet Club Saturday**- details on the page 3 of this Newsletter;
- **Video Conference Presentation**- a formal presentation through a video conferencing set up between our 2 colleges;
- **Skype™**- an informal presentation and discussion;
- **Webinar**- coming soon!
- **Campus Visit**- If I am in your area I would be happy to come to talk with your club. Let me know if you are interested in this option and I can see if I will be in your area this Fall or Spring. If not, we can talk about one of the options listed above!

If interested in any of the above, send an email to vet_admissions@cornell.edu

The Call of the Wild

By Carly Hodes

There's something enthralling in the eyes of a raptor, a primal intensity that instills respect and makes it hard to look away. Such a spell sparked a similar spirit in Sarah Cudney '16 when she first encountered raptors at Cornell as a high-school summer student, an experience that imbued her with a keen vigor for veterinary medicine.

The wild was never far for Cudney, who grew up in Boulder, Col. in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, but it suddenly came closer when she started handling raptors in Cornell's three-week pre-veterinary high-school summer program in Exotic Avian Husbandry. "I had such an amazing experience working with the birds that I was determined to come back to Cornell," said Cudney. "That summer course made me decide to apply here."

As a newly minted Cornell undergraduate studying animal science and biology, one of the first things Cudney did was return to the raptors. She joined the Cornell Raptor Program, getting directly involved with raptor conservation through formal classroom instruction on biology and natural history of birds of prey, captive propagation and release of selected species, rehabilitation of sick and injured raptors, and public education programs.

Rising through the volunteer ranks, Cudney became both Director of Education and Student Supervisor, organizing and presenting outreach

events in Ithaca and the surrounding area and training new student volunteers. She even adopted the daily responsibility of hand-feeding and caring for an American Kestrel and a Eurasian Eagle Owl, one of the world's largest owls. Hooked on wildlife, she also volunteered as a wildlife supervisor at the Swanson Wildlife Health Center, assisting veterinarians in examination, radiology, medication, treatment, and care of local sick and injured wildlife.

"Working with wildlife made me realize I wanted to go into wildlife medicine," said Cudney. "I don't know if I'd have even applied to vet school if not for the Raptor Program and the Wildlife Health Center."



She became president of Cornell's Pre-Veterinary Society, arranging speakers, meetings, fundraisers, field trips, and volunteer work for the group, as well as mentoring undergraduate peers throughout their own veterinary school

preparation. Cudney also came up campus to the College frequently to conduct research in Dr. Ned Place's endocrinology lab. This led to two manuscripts, including her honors thesis describing a model of how seasons cause shifts in metabolic signals to the brain that can influence obesity, which has been submitted to a peer-reviewed journal.

Cudney graduated with highest honors, a slew of awards, research publications, a strong network of supporters built through her activities, and varied hands-on animal experience: all the right ingredients for a strong veterinary school application.

"I chose Cornell for the next step too, partly because of the people and places I'd established good relationships with," said Cudney. "But a big part of it was the opportunities Cornell gives to work with wildlife and conservation. It's one of the few schools with a wildlife center on campus. I love working with all kinds of animals but for me there's something special about wildlife."

Coming full circle, Cudney served this year as a teaching assistant for the high-school Summer course in exotic avian husbandry that first brought her here. She begins veterinary school this fall and hopes to pursue wildlife and conservation medicine.

Transfer Applicants

The next deadline to apply for transfer admission is October 15, 2012. For more information:

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

~PRE-VET CLUB SATURDAY~

An invitation to come to campus with your College Pre-Vet Club to learn more about our DVM degree program, the admissions process, and take a tour.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012

12:00 Pizza and meet other Pre-Vet Clubs and our DVM students
1:00 Tour of the Vet College
2:00 Admissions Presentation

To RSVP for this program send an email to vet_admissions@cornell.edu.

Include your:

- College name;
- A contact name and email address;
- How many would be attending from your club.





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Admissions Presentations & Tours



~Fall 2012~

 *Friday, September 7th from 3:00-5:00*

 *Friday, October 12th from 3:00-5:00*

 *Friday November 9th from 3:00-5:00*

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 *Saturday, October 27th from 12:00-3:00**

Pre-Vet Club Saturday

(for College Pre-Vet Clubs)

**Register for the Pre-Vet Club Saturday by sending an email to [vet_admissions@cornell.edu](mailto:veter_admissions@cornell.edu) with you Pre-Vet Club contact's name and College.*

Register for the Friday Admissions Presentations & Tours on our web site~
<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/PresandTours.cfm>