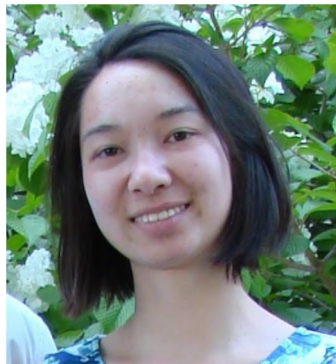




Veterinary and Animal Experiences

Gaining veterinary and animal experiences is important preparation for your application and the veterinary curriculum. As you gain experiences make sure you note dates, hours worked, and responsibilities. For more information visit our [web site](#).



Advice from a Cornell Vet Student ***Lauren, Class of 2019***

When did you first decide you wanted to be a veterinarian?

When I was around eight years old, I switched from wanting to be a dentist to becoming a veterinarian. Interestingly, I have never had any pets, but my love of animals and goal to provide and improve care for them has gotten me this far!

What did you do to prepare?

I started by shadowing a small animal private practice veterinarian in high school and asking my aunt, who's a veterinary technician, lots of questions. I continued by shadowing nearly all the veterinarians in my hometown (about eight, large and small animal and some ambulatory) at least once to get a sense of the different aspects of the profession. I also toured Cornell University School of Veterinary Medicine back when I was a sophomore in high school. I erroneously thought that I could go to vet school without undergraduate schooling at the time.

What advice do you have for high school students who are interested in becoming a vet?

If you are seriously interested in becoming a vet, talk to veterinarians, veterinary students and other pre-veterinary peers and college students. Hearing their perspectives and really understanding the veterinary occupation as well as the processes behind becoming a veterinarian are imperative before you jump in.



Vet School

Admissions Presentations & Tours

Friday, July 8th from 2:00-4:00

Friday, August 5th from 3:00-5:00

([Register](#))

Cornell on the Road

Health Professions Fair

Saturday, June 18th, 1:30-3:30

Minneapolis Hilton

Prospective Student & Alumni Reception

Thursday, July 7th at 7:00pm

Stamford, CT

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