



High School Students

There are a number of activities you can be doing to prepare for your future in veterinary medicine. Animal experiences are a great way to start. Visit our [web site](#) to learn more about different experiences you might take advantage of over your years in high school. Also hear from current [vet students](#) and what they did to prepare when they were in high school.



Shelter Medicine Helps Animals Begin Again

Four decades ago, the care and treatment of rescue animals was piecemeal; most animals that entered the shelter did not make it out alive. Thanks to the service and effort of Cornell veterinarians, [shelter medicine](#) has become a calling for veterinarians and students across the country.



Cornell's program offers three classes, the first serves as an introduction to companion animal welfare, and is followed by two upper-level courses and an elective rotation that takes fourth-year students into shelters. "We are out in the shelters on a daily basis working with the animals," says Dr. Elizabeth Berliner '03, the Janet L. Swanson Director of the Maddie's (TM) Shelter Medicine Program. At the SPCA of Tompkins County, animals that require medical care get treated by Cornell veterinarians, students, and interns, helping these animals get the chance of a new beginning.

Cornell's shelter medicine program has given countless animals a new lease on life—including 'Tifa', a young Chihuahua mix found with a badly injured leg. The dog was initially aggressive with her handlers, worrying shelter medicine practitioner Dr. Holly Putnam that the animal would not be adoptable. Putnam and intern Dr. Christina Delgado '14, determined that Tifa's leg required amputation due to the severity of the injury. "Within hours of the surgery, she was up running around like nothing had happened," says Putnam. "Even better, she soon warmed up to the people taking care of her." A few weeks later, Tifa was successfully adopted out and renamed Pogo, due to her ability to jump on one leg.

"This kind of real life and hands-on shelter experience allows the students to leave with a much clearer sense of how to engage, as a veterinarian, in changing the lives of shelter animals," says Berliner. "Our hope is that this program can inspire a lifetime of engagement in humane organizations and communities."

~ Lauren Roberts



Admissions Presentation & Tours

College of Veterinary Medicine
July 8th, 2:00-4:00 (*wait list*)
August 5th, 3:00-5:00 (*wait list*)
September 9th, 3:00-5:00
October 21st, 3:00-5:00
November 4th, 3:00-5:00

[Register](#)

Cornell on the Road

Prospective Student & Alumni Reception
July 7th, 7:00 pm- Stamford, CT

[Contact us](#) for details

Pre-Vet Clubs

Pre-Vet Club Saturday
October 29th, 12:00-3:00

[Contact us](#) to Register your Pre-Vet Club

Applicants

Don't forget to set up your [Cornell Tracking Page](#). This is how we track in certain documents, verify completed prerequisite courses and where you will go for your decision letter.

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