

REHABILITATION INTERNSHIP

1 BASICS

My name is Hannah Grothaus. I was an assistant to Dr. Suzan Oakley of Oakley Equine in Loxahatchee, Florida. I was there from June 4 to August 10.

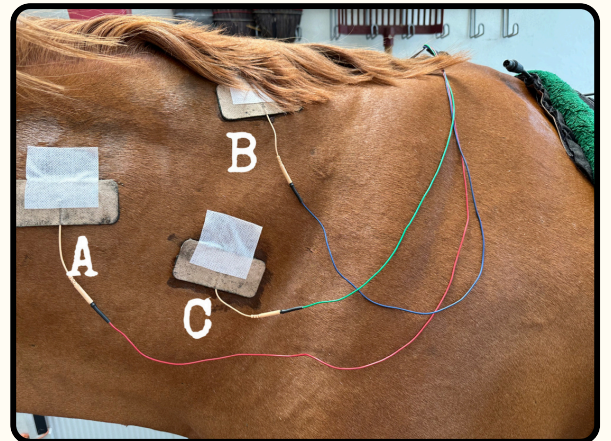


2 MAIN TASKS/ DUTIES

- 1) Daily barn chores: preparing feeds, tacking/untacking horses, cleaning
- 2) Assisting Dr. Oakley: scrubbing areas before injections, holding horses, helping with x-rays and ultrasounds
- 3) Performing FES (Functional Electrical Stimulation)

3 SKILLS DEVELOPED

- 1) Horse handling: tacking/untacking, leading, grooming
- 2) Veterinary assisting: scrubbing for injections, observing lameness evaluations- better able to identify, preparation before examinations, ultrasounds, and x-rays
- 3) Performing FES: placement of the pad for best results, usage of gel



4 NEW EXPERIENCES

- 1) Ultrasounds: used to find the best place to inject PRP
- 2) X-rays: used for pre purchase exams; did not know how to x-ray a horse or where that was done
- 3) Floating teeth with a power float- was responsible for the horse's head

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ADVICE

Obtaining an internship is one of the best things you can do to get exposure into the career field you are exploring. Going to the career fair is a great way to get internships, but you can also get them through interviews for classes. An internship allows you to go to a new place, meet new people, and get new connections.



6 TESTIMONIAL

This internship gave me so many new experiences and opened my eyes to so many different things in the equine industry. I have absolutely fallen in love with the rehabilitation side of things, and do believe that eventually I want to get back into rehabilitation, but I believe general practice is more important right now.