

A Summer With Horses

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HOSPITAL LOCATION
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Undergraduate Summer
Hospital Intern

MAIN TASKS

- Completed basic care for the three different shifts (day, mid, and night) which included feeding, waters, timed medications, stall cleaning, and hand walks
- Assisted in preparing for medical emergencies and holding the emergency horses when they arrived at the hospital for the veterinarians to do examinations
- Observe and assist with daily appointments, treatments on hospitalized horses, and different surgeries

SKILLS DEVELOPED

- Communication with clients
- Different types of medication administration
- Quick thinking in stressful situations

NEW EXPERIENCES

- Observing different surgeries
- Helping with and equine CT scan
- Assisting with a full body bone Scintigraphy

WHY INTERNSHIP

Internships are a great way to develop your existing skills to prepare you for a career in your field of choice. They are also a great way to explore different options within the industry.



IMPACT



During my time at PetersonSmith, I was able to develop my veterinary skills and formulate my own opinions on different issues. I was also able to learn and observe many different procedures. I was able improve my communication skills and gain more confidence in my horse handling skills.