

Driving a Passion in the Right Direction

Collison Embryo Service

Rockwell City, Iowa



Top 3 Intern Responsibilities

- Searching for embryos/oocytes removed from donor females to prepare for freezing, shipping, or implantation
- Handling donor females during chute side procedures
- Thawing and loading embryos to implant into recipient cows

Top Skills Developed

- Quick thinking
- Time management
- Adapting to change



New Experiences

- Participating in small ruminant surgical and non-surgical embryo flushing
- Palpating recipient females to determine embryo suitability, or in some cases, pregnancy

Intern Advice

- You have to put into the internship what you want to get out of it. Without getting out of your comfort zone and asking questions, you won't learn and get the hands on experience

Affect on me?

This experience tested my prior knowledge of the embryo transfer industry and reproductive systems. It allowed me to get the hands on experiences to apply techniques and put real world thinking into affect!

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