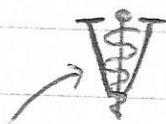


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I came to Texas with no expectations. I had little or no idea where I was going, who I would be working with or where I would be staying. I have been here a little over a month now and the place has totally stolen my heart. The Lone Star state has given me more than I could ever have asked for; an outstanding veterinary clinic with some of the most professional people I have ever met, a brilliant outlook for my future career and a Southern welcome that has made me feel so at home in this gorgeous place. I have met people who have taken me into their homes, shown me how they live and given me an appreciation of what a vet's life in Texas is all about. I have loved every minute of it.



From a veterinary perspective, I have gained more than I ever thought possible on my externship! I will be forever grateful to the wonderful staff at Deason for their great teaching and endless patience with me - there was never a silly question or a wrong answer ⇒ SUCH a great way to learn.

I can't even begin to talk about my experiences but they began the first morning I arrived in Texas and continued right up to the end!

I saw some great medical cases and brilliant surgery cases too and got to try my hand at most things. I'm leaving with a newfound confidence !!! Spays, neuters, bovine and canine C sections, umbilical hernia repair, cystotomy, exploratory laparotomies, amputations,

DID MY OWN CALF CRYPTORCHID CASTRATION!  
rumenotomy, aural haematoma repair, cosmetic dehorns, dehorns, castrations, gelds, lumpectomies, declaws, earcrops, tail docks, selectomy

We saw colics galore and snake bites a plenty!

CRYPTORCHID - heartworm - anaplasma - rabies cat - toxicities

CASTRATION! - pancytopenic dog - parvo puppies - foreign body obstructions

- obstipated cat - calf pulls - selectomy

- routine vaccinations and care - ear cleaning + nail clipping

- Brucellosis testing - BSEs - Coggins - TB testing

- micro pig castrations - serval cat with broken leg

- kidding goat that smelled up the whole clinic !!!

- saw a lot of dogs in road accidents - pedunculated lipoma <sup>colic</sup>

- cancer eye - palpating pregnancies! - blooded a rodeo bull

I have a huge document written and I could go on forever, but I'll stop hogging all the space. Basically I learned a LOT and I didn't stop laughing for the month. It was an absolute pleasure working here - such a brilliant start to the summer and I hope to come back !

Me then ⇒



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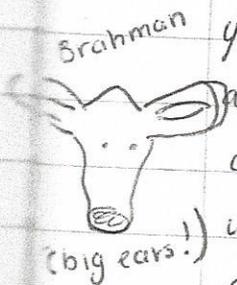
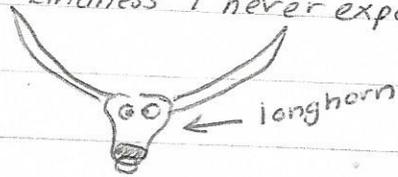
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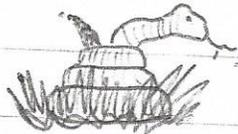


← bigger brain thanks Deason

A huge part of why I loved my time here so much was because of the people that I had the pleasure of meeting. If you're reading this you are so lucky to get to work with this great bunch - GET TO KNOW THEM! Each of the doctors has their own <sup>unique</sup> approach to veterinary medicine and are equally fantastic. They welcomed me into their homes with a kindness I never expected, but will always remember!



Try and see some of the Texas countryside if you get the chance and you're not from here. It is a beautiful part of the world (although apparently I brought the rain with me as it was so green when I came!). Enjoy the Texas longhorns, Brahmans and Beefmasters - we don't see them at home. DON'T STAND ON ANY RATTLES OR COPPERHEADS! See the fireflies at night, watch the junebugs, listen to the wild coyotes, catch a toad (don't get warts!), and some lizards, watch the cardinals and the scissortails fly they're beautiful! Find an armadillo if you can. Oh and see some white tailed deer.



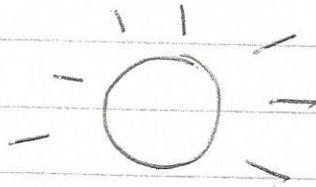
→ watch under your feet!

I could go on and on..... But I'll stop here. Just enjoy every minute. You are blessed to find such a nice clinic with great people and good clients (get to know them too - you'll learn some great stories!)

“Do not follow a path. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail”

And never forget . . . .

"It's always a beautiful day in the world of  
veterinary medicine!"



le gach dea guí  
(With every good wish)

Becca



P.S - feel free to email me or call me if you need  
to know anything, or just want to share your  
Deason stories

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