

# **Kirstin B. Ruffner**

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## *Education*

**Doctor of Veterinary Medicine**, Food Animal Emphasis  
**UGA College of Veterinary Medicine**, Athens, Georgia, May 2014

**Bachelor of Science**, Animal Science Major/Pre-Veterinary Medicine  
**Berry College**, Mount Berry, Georgia, May 2010

## *Scholarships:*

Four-year academic scholarship, Berry College  
Four-year scholarship athlete for NAIA Women's Tennis Team

## *Work*

### *Experience*

**Berry College**, Mount Berry, Georgia  
*Clinical Assistant Professor/College Veterinarian*, Jan 2017 – Present

- Provide veterinary care for college owned ruminants as well as horses and chickens.
- Teach courses in Animal Science
- Organize veterinary shadowing opportunities for students
- Supervise student research projects

**Selwyn Rakaia Veterinary Services**, Dunsandel, New Zealand  
*Associate Veterinarian*, July 2014 – November 2016

- Worked with seasonal, pasture based dairy systems (95%)
- Conducted pregnancy diagnosing/aging via ultrasound
- Provided treatment/emergency care for sick animals (ruminants, small animals, equine, camelids)
- Performed routine surgeries on cattle and small animals
- Dehorned cattle, treated lame cows, calved cows
- Advised on preventative health care
- Took radiographs and performed dentals on small animals
- Hosted and mentored UGA veterinary student externs

**North Florida Holsteins**, Bell, Florida  
*Intern*, June/July 2012

- Learned fundamentals of large herd management

- Detected heat and pregnancy in herd health department
- Administered injections
- Provided treatment for animals in hospital barn
- Observed multiple surgeries on cows

**Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia**

*Dairy Worker, 2009*

- Milked cows and fed calves
- Maintained milking equipment and calf barn
- Provided special care and proper treatment for animals in need
- Administered injections
- Restrained calves and cows

**Sarasota Veterinary Emergency Hospital, Sarasota, Florida**

*Intern, Summers 2007 – 2009*

- Assisted veterinarians in handling small animal emergency patients
- Took temperatures, recorded blood test results in computer charts, and x-rayed animals
- Monitored and cared for post-surgery patients
- Maintained facility and equipment
- Observed multiple emergency surgeries

**Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia**

*Advanced Research Assistant, Summer 2009*

- Analyzed deer videos for a graduate student project to determine behavioral responses of captive deer to physical and visual barriers
- Researched literature reviews for deer and Lantana project
- Assembled canine skeleton

*Other  
Experience*

**Clay Hightower Tennis Academy, Rome, Georgia**

*Tennis Instructor, Summers 2006 – 2009*

- Taught youth tennis fundamentals and techniques
- Ensured safety of tennis campers on and off the court
- Worked collaboratively with Head Coach and other instructors
- Wrote evaluations for campers to document progress for parents

*Awards*

Dean's List (2009, 2010)  
O. Wayne Rollins Student Work Award, Berry College (2010)  
Co-Captain Berry College Tennis Team (2009)  
Certificate of Recognition for participation in the Eighth Annual  
Symposium on Student Scholarship at Berry College (2008)

*Activities*

Organized UGA veterinary student externships in New Zealand  
Student Ambassador, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine, 2011-2014  
Treasurer, UGA Pathology Club, 2012-2013  
Member, AABP (American Association of Bovine Practitioners)  
Four-year scholarship member of Berry College Women's Tennis Team  
Private Tennis Instructor, 2006 - 2009  
Athletes Bettering the Community, Tennis Representative  
Community service, Berry College Athlete Service