

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