

# Jennifer Poulsen

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## Profile

Seven-year graduate seeking to advance skills and knowledge towards veterinary medicine. Professional orientation towards small animal medicine and emergency care.

## Relevant Skills

- **Interpersonal and communication skills** developed through eight years of experience in the service industry and working with teams during pre-clinical and clinical year of veterinary school and my current field; enhanced through speaking to clients about their pets in highly stressful situations i.e. emergencies
- **Well-developed teamwork and leaderships** skills exemplified as an animal technician at Foothills Medical Center working with in a team of four or more people, working in teams during clinical year, and engaging in leadership positions in veterinary school
- **Strong organization and time management skills** demonstrated by working a part time job, balancing a fulltime school schedule while maintaining a 3.95 GPA and volunteering through clubs and teaching assistant positions; enhanced by developing proficient skills in managing time through daily appointments in general practice
- **Outstanding writing and critical thinking skills** that were reinforced during my last six years at my previous and current position through writing SOAPing records and surgery reports

## Education

### Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, Iselin, NJ

2018

Dean's List

Clinical Year – Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Electives Rotations taken:

- Shelter Medicine – high volume ovariohysterectomy and castration surgeries
- Emergency and Critical Care – immense case load at one time and working under significant pressure
- Cardiology
- Neurology

## **Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences**

2013

University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta

### **Professional**

### **Experience**

#### **Associate Veterinarian**

Fish Creek 24 Hour Pet Hospital      **June 2018 – March 2021**  
Calgary, Alberta

Douglas Square Pet Clinic              **March 2021 – April 2021**  
Calgary, Alberta

Foothills Animal Hospital              **May 2021 – January 2023**  
Okotoks, Alberta

Alpine 247 Pet Hospital.                **January 2023 – present**  
Calgary, Alberta

- Provided care and treatment to small animals on an emergency basis who required critical intervention
- Performed elective and emergency surgical procedures as needed to patients including spays, neuters, cystotomies, exploratory laparotomies, GDVs, limb amputations, eye enucleations, etc.
- Administered aid and treatment for hospitalized patients
- Educated clients on prevention medicine and followed up on patients with chronic illness
- Trained clients on proper nutrition for their pets to meet each one's individual needs
- Became more proficient and skilled in working under high pressure situations and handling high-volume caseloads at any given time
- Improved compassion and empathy skills by performing euthanasia procedures with clients
- Mastered leadership prowess and awareness while delegating to team members during CPR

#### **Animal Health Technician              May 2013 – Dec 2014**

University of Calgary Health Sciences Center on Foothills Campus  
Calgary, Alberta

- Provided care to principal investigators' laboratory animals including health checking, feeding, watering, and cleaning cages in rooms with up to and over two hundred cages.
- Euthanized any animals that investigators requested or based on the technician's discretion and recommendation.
- Implemented treatments to any and all post-surgery animals, or any animals that had sustained injury from other incidents.
- Communicated with dozens of investigators regarding any special needs that their animals required.

## Extracurricular

### Activities

- **Orientation Leadership Role** at Ross University
  - Assisted new students with transitioning to moving to the island, including settling into their new apartments, taking them on campus tours, organizing their school curriculum requirements before the start class, and introducing them to the culture of the island
- **Gross Anatomy Teaching Assistant** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Veterinary School;
  - Taught lower semester students the subject of anatomy and the best way to learn the material and helped them dissect their cadavers properly
- **Treasurer/Secretary** Position for P.A.W.S. Club founded at Ross University
  - Responsible for collection of money, accurate book-keeping, advise the board about financial strategy, and fundraising
- **Volunteered** at Calgary Humane Society in the Surgery Release position
  - Released surgical patients to clients with discharge instructions
- **Volunteered** weekly at Acadia Veterinary Clinic in Calgary, Alberta
  - Scrubbed in surgeries, participated in client consultations, discussed diagnostic and treatment regimens for patients
- **Volunteered** at the Alberta Spay and Neuter Task Force
  - Recovered surgical patients; monitored anesthesia for spay and neuter procedures