

## **Laura Beckerton**

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### **PROFILE**

A strong, confident, and efficient surgeon with a love for both soft tissue surgery and dentistry. I believe that open, honest communication with both clients and colleagues is the best way to provide quality medicine and care.

### **EDUCATION**

Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON 2005-2009  
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

College of Biological Sciences, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON 2003-2005  
Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Science

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Locum Veterinarian, Calgary and surrounding area Jan 2024-present

Riverstone Veterinary Services, Sundre, AB Feb 2022-Jan 2024

- Mixed animal practice, 50% small animal, 25% beef, 25% equine
- I enjoyed working in a true mixed animal practice again with a significant large animal component
- Branched out further into equine dentistry and have become confident with equine dental radiographs and extractions
- Continue to enjoy the variety and complexity of small animal medical and surgical cases that rural medicine provides

Bova-tech Ltd, Airdrie, AB 2019-2022

- Exploration of the bovine embryo transfer field with Dr. Andres Arteaga, initially as an observer, then over time practising embryo transfer flushes and techniques on my own animals. I volunteered and performed this work on my own personal time
- I find the field of bovine reproduction fascinating and plan to continue developing my skills in this area

Carstairs Veterinary Clinic, Carstairs, AB July 2019-July 2023

- Mixed animal practice, 75% small animal, 15% equine, 10% bovine
- Back into the swing of practice after a 4 year hiatus, I rediscovered my love for small animal surgery and dentistry in a fast paced extremely high volume clinic.
- Furthered my knowledge of equine dentistry with the goal to branch out into extractions
- Introduced small ruminant medicine and surgery to the practice
- Brought the experience and skills gained working with extremely high level bovine medicine at Alta Genetics to my clients to help them achieve their production goals

- Alta Genetics Inc, Balzac, AB May 2015-July 2019
- Centre Veterinarian responsible for veterinary and regulatory oversight for all four Canadian facilities, 100% bovine – 85% dairy, 15% beef
  - Gained extensive knowledge of the bovine artificial insemination industry and developed a concrete relationship with CFIA at both the local and national level
  - Have become well versed in almost all aspects of male bovine reproduction and associated production and health challenges, from congenital to acquired issues
  - Extensively involved in bovine semen, embryo, and live animal exports
  - Confident and comfortable performing high level bovine diagnostic and medical procedures on extremely high genetic value livestock. Collaborated with the specialists at Moore Equine, UCVM, University of Wisconsin, and Iowa State University to work up unusual and complicated medical cases and disease outbreaks
- Locum Veterinarian, Calgary and surrounding area September 2014 – May 2015
- Both temporary coverage as well as long term locum positions at a variety of practices, both primary care small animal and mixed animal practices
- Animal Care Centre, Strathmore, AB April-August 2014
- Associate at a mixed animal practice, 60% small animal, 20% equine, 20% bovine
  - This practice gave me the ability to return to mixed animal practice with an improved work-life balance
- Ranchlands Mobile Veterinary Services, Okotoks, AB April 2012- April 2014
- Owner and full time primary veterinarian at 100% ambulatory large animal practice which consisted of 70% cow-calf, 30% equine, and the occasional small ruminant and camelid
  - Had the opportunity to work alongside Dr. Martin Wenkoff (DACT) on bovine AI and embryo transfer programs for clients
  - Gained experience in all aspects of bovine, equine, small ruminant, and camelid preventive and emergency care
  - Ultimately became burned out after two years of 24/7 on-call and elected to close the practice for the sake of my mental health
- 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Animal Hospital, Calgary, AB Sept 2011-Feb 2012
- Small animal primary care veterinarian, two veterinarian practice
  - Working the 12-8pm shift I missed out on surgeries and dentistry – the two parts of small animal practice I most enjoy
- Sheep River Veterinary Services, Okotoks, AB 2010 – 2011
- Mixed animal practice, 50% companion animal, 30% bovine (cow-calf), 20% equine, two veterinarian practice
  - Gained further experience with small ruminants (goats, sheep, alpacas, and llamas) as well as exotics (bison and elk)
- Claresholm Veterinary Services Ltd, Claresholm, AB 2009-2010
- Mixed animal practice 50% small, 30% bovine, & 20% equine, 4-5 veterinarian practice
  - Had the opportunity to work with Dr. Connie Fancy who has been an exceptional mentor for me throughout the years and whose advice and assistance were invaluable as a new graduate

