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Personal profile:

I am an analytical and initiative thinker; this has been cultivated by my laboratory work. Participating in such work with my peers has also aided my abilities in working as a group. Moreover, I would say I am a good listener and hardworking, willing to go above and beyond to yield satisfactory results. I am looking for a suitable placement that will allow me to expand upon my zoological knowledge and provide me with practical experience in the field.

Education:**University of Exeter**

- Second year BSc Zoology student with Professional Placement *2021-Present*

Anglo European School - Willow Green, Ingatestone, CM4 0DJ

- A Levels: Psychology (A), Biology (B), and Spanish (B) *2021*
- 11 GCSEs, Grades 9-6 including Mathematics and English *2019*

Work experience/Volunteering:**John Lewis** - Chelmsford

June 2022 – September 2022

- I was a member of the hospitality team in John Lewis, and work as a Café Assistant.
- I had many responsibilities here; making and serving the food, doing regular temperature checks on the food, clearing tables, working the dishwasher and being in charge of the tills.
- This job has fostered my ability to talk to new people and my spoken communication has matured.
- Working in hospitality has refined my time management and organisational skills, as I am often needed to complete many tasks simultaneously in a given time period.

Sealife Adventure Zooquarium – Southend-on-Sea

April 2022 - Present

- Here, I oversee feeding the animals, preparing their food and general upkeep.
- I also interact with the guests, educating them on the flora and fauna, as well as answering questions they may have.
- As I am required to keep up with the ever-changing environment of a zoo so I feel I am very adaptable.
- Here, I participated in a 2-week in situ behavioural research projects on the macaques which taught me a lot about collecting data and the scientific method.

Flicka Foundation Donkey Sanctuary – Penryn

September 2021 - Present

- This work is quite rigorous, as I assist in mucking out the barn, laying down hay and general upkeep of the area.
- Because of this, I can do physically demanding jobs and stay on my feet for long periods.
- Through this, I have learnt a lot more about mammals in terms of diet, care and needs.

Pathfinders Club

November 2018 - Present

- I have been a member of Pathfinders club for over 10 years, where I have developed teamwork and listening skills from my yearly camping trips. I have been able to attend both locally and internationally in places like Jamaica and Finland.
- Through Pathfinders, I have completed basic staff training, which has allowed me to lead classes and evolve my overall leadership skills.
- I now volunteer regularly to teach classes to the children at my local Pathfinders club.
- This has helped develop my patience, listening skills and ability to communicate effectively with others.

Clark's Farm Greyhound Rescue – Witham

March - June 2018

- I volunteered at a greyhound rescue where I was responsible for walking the dogs to ensure they had their daily exercise.
- This experience helped me become more responsible and vigilant whilst working with animals as I volunteered without supervision and had to memorise the different walking routes.

Four Paws Dog Grooming – Braintree

4-15th June 2017

- I participated in a 2-week work experience in a grooming salon. Here, I washed, blow dried and brushed the dogs. I also undertook admin tasks and assisted the groomers when needed.
- This experience made me more comfortable working directly with animals as the job involved a lot of hands-on work and handling of the dogs. It was necessary to handle the animals with care to make them feel more secure during the grooming process.
- I also was responsible over a wide range of breeds, so I learned how to interact accordingly to dogs of different sizes and personalities. Furthermore, dealing with difficult dogs allowed me to witness and assist the proper procedure in such situations.

Interests and other information:

I completed the bronze Duke of Edinburgh in 2018, where I developed my skills in tennis and piano, of which I reached grade 3. I thoroughly enjoyed the camping aspect as I am passionate about nature and the outdoors. Through the DofE programme, my resilience and problem-solving skills matured as my group and I, made our way through the orienteering aspect. Moreover, I enjoy learning languages and have been able to partake in 4 exchanges in France and Spain. Through them, I have gained more independence, confidence, and cultural enrichment. I feel more comfortable existing in and adapting to new environments.

References

References available upon request