

Fieldwork Time Log

Date	Fieldwork with your Mentor: Provide a description of all work completed under the direct guidance of your mentor.	Number of Hours
9/24	I meet with my mentor for the first time at her work in Stoughton. I meet with her and talked about what she does, took a tour of the facility, and meet the other workers there. I shadowed her to see what she does and what the job involves. Before I left, I went to the animal rehabilitation side to watch how they run their appointments.	9am-12:30pm 3 hours 30 min
10/8	I meet with my mentor at the animal hospital. During the meeting I helped her in appointments like the annuals, the fit in visits, and a lot of wide variety of things. When I first got there I assisted her and a vet tech in holding and making it possible to clean a wound on an aggressive dog. Throughout the day we experienced a lot of dogs like this and I learned about how they handle them. Another experience I learned this day was about the negative part of the job, euthanization. I ended the day in learning about x-rays how they take them, read them, and the different parts of them.	9am-1pm 4 hours
10/22	I meet at the animal hospital with my mentor. During the day I watched various and helped during various appointments. I got to see and learn about heart murmurs and the causes, I saw the difference between healthy and infected ears, and more. Along with seeing her appointments, I went to watch the rehabilitation appointments. There I learned about how swimming, and water treadmills help in this process and ways they exercise the dogs to help them.	9am-1pm 4 hours
12/3	After a break, while my mentor was on vacation, I went to the office to meet with my mentor. At the meeting I helped in appointments and observed her as she worked. In this meeting I learned about bird care and ways they help maintain their health. I also learned more about the vet tech jobs. I learned more about how they set up lab tests and the different drugs they use to treat problems.	8am-11 pm 3 hours
12/17	I meet with my mentor at the animal hospital. At this visit my mentor showed me a weight health risk chart that is universally used with vets and during appointments had me help assess patients using this. I learned how to set up X-rays and how to read them. In doing this I saw many different problems in x-rays such as orthopaedic problems and foreign objects being digested, such as bottle caps. I set up another appointment with my mentor to observe a surgery.	9am-1pm 4 hours
12/27	I went to my mentors work to go and observe surgery. I got to watch four surgeries. Of these included a cat spay, guinea pig neuter, a hepatectomy, and a dental. Along with observing I got to help prep the cat for getting spayed. During one of the surgeries I got to see more of the internal structures of a cat.	8 am-1 pm 5 hours
12/31	I went to visit my mentor at her office. At this visit I learned more about running tests and how to do them. I got to see different things such as a broken tooth, and a dog who hurt their leg so I got to see how they deal and analyze that. Another thing problem during this visit that I got to learn about was a shelter cat	9 am- 1 pm 4 hours

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	came in that was having trouble giving birth, when she finally did the babies were all twisted together in the placenta, which is similar to an umbilical cord.	
1/14	During this visit I learned how to run a snap test and different urine samples. I learned what vet techs look out for when observing different slides under the microscope with urine samples and got to look at it and see different slides that showed these. Another thing I learned was about cancer in birds. One woman who was in town visiting brought her cockatiel in which had a red bleeding bump and was picking at its feathers, this bump turned out to be a cancer. The women decided to continue his life and get treatment for the bird. After this I read books of my mentors about different common problems in birds.	9am-1pm 4 hours
1/28	At this visit i continued to observe different annual appointments and typical allergies. Along with this I learned more about different cancers and how they diagnose them. One of these cases I saw was a dog with mammary tumors. With this case I got to learn how they diagnose these and was able to feel them. Another case I saw was a ferret with lymphoma. This case helped me learned more about different animal species and problems that occur. I learned ferrets are known for getting cancer and the different treatments they can opt to taking or not.	9 am-1 pm 4 hours
1/11	During this visit I got to learn more about different parts of the job and different treatments such as ultrasound and acupuncture. I got to see different problems with more species. On of these was a bird who would self- mutilate and rip layers of skin and feathers off, the owner showed me picture of previous time when he almost took his wing off. In this case the owner talked to me and taught me more about birds with my mentor. Another species I also got to see was rats. Two adult rats came in, during this I learned how to work with smaller species.	9-1 4 hours
2/25	Meet with my mentor and continued to learn more about field. One thing I got to learn was how to position dogs during an x ray and watch them do it which was new because I'm usually not allowed in the room with xray on. While learning this I got to see a case with a beagle whose lungs were too small and had irregular movement. Another thing I was able to do hands- on this time was giving medicine to a cat. In doing this I learned how to control and work on an animal who was aggressive.	9-1 4 hours
3/25	Meet with my mentor and got to see more and different things that occurred. I was able to sit in on an Animotion appointment which is the rehabilitation side. While in here an animal bloated so I was able to see the results and the procedure of draining the stomach. After, while back with my mentor, I was able to help run tests and prepare slides. A highlight of the this visit was I got to assist in an emergency laceration repair. Assisting in this included helping hold and control the dog.	9-1 4 hours
4/8	I meet with my mentor for my last visit. During this visit, as the day was starting slow, I was able to work with a vet tech and learn about surgical tools and how they seal and sterilize them. While doing this I was able to help her repackage the tools to get ready to reseal them. I was also able to work with my mentor and learn about more exotics such as bunnies. I helped my mentor by holding a bunny for her as she syringe feed him. I was able to learn about handling of bunnies and about bloodwork for them. To end my visit I learned and experienced the down side of the job. I sat in on a walk in emergency	9-1 4 hours

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	appointment where my mentor found free floating liquid, which diagnosed cancer. During this I learned the reality of the job and what vets have to do to support owners but care for pets. To	
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