

PVPMP MENTOR VETERINARY EXPERIENCE FORM

1. **Experience:** NYC Animal Care and Control
2. **Animal Type** (i.e. Exotic/Avian/Mixed Animal/Large Animal/Small Animal/Shelter Medicine/Research, etc): Shelter Medicine
3. **Location and Facility Type (i.e. hospital/private practice/research facility, etc):**
 - a. *If in Ithaca, is self-transport necessary?*
Animal shelters in NYC: one in each borough. I worked at the one in Harlem.
4. **Prior Experience Needed for Position:** yes/no
 - a. *If yes, please describe:*
Yes. You must have worked at the shelter, and understand how the animals are handled and understand the difference between a “No Concern” and “Moderate” in regards to behavior. The good news is you can easily learn this in a week, and if you get to know a vet tech at the shelter, they can help you get an internship.
5. **Time Commitment Needed for Position:** None Specified. Preferably 1-2 weeks.
6. **Experience/Facility Contact Info: please list contact person name, number and/or email address**

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7. **Would you recommend this experience?**

Yes. It is an excellent place to start gathering veterinary experience. When I volunteered there, the veterinarians and technicians were very friendly and helpful. They want you to learn and succeed, but they will also work you hard. You will clean cages, walk dogs, feed cats, clean surgical instruments, and possibly vaccinate and watch surgery. You will also become familiar with euthanasia procedure used in animal shelter. Having experience viewing and understanding euthanasia will be critical for getting into veterinary school.

8. **Further Comments**

The staff rotates very frequently at the shelter I worked at in Harlem. Whenever I come back to visit it seems like there is a completely new staff of veterinarians and technicians.