

PVPMP MENTOR VETERINARY EXPERIENCE FORM

- 1. Experience:** Work Experience at a Small Animal Veterinary Clinic in Australia
- 2. Animal Type:** Small animal & wildlife
- 3. Location and Facility Type (i.e. hospital/private practice/research facility, etc):**
 - a. Private practice located in Glenhaven, Australia.
- 4. Prior Experience Needed for Position:** No
- 5. Time Commitment Needed for Position:** Up to you, I spent about 45 hours a week for an entire summer.
- 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!**
- 8. Further Comments**

In Australia they tend to let seniors and juniors in high school do a 'work experience' where they spend a week or so at a profession of their choice getting a feel for what its really like. Normally they don't really let the students do much, but as an undergraduate interested in vet school, they let me come for a far longer period of time and taught me how to do many tasks the vet techs will normally perform. (They trusted me to be able to handle a lot more as in Australia students don't attend undergraduate school before vet school, they go straight from high school to a 5 year vet program). It was a really, really neat experience, and a good alternative way to do a sort of a study abroad without having to leave during the school year. I got a lot of hands on experience with small animals and with injured wildlife, got to observe a ton of really cool surgeries, and ended the summer with great contacts as well as the head vet agreed to write me a recommendation! ☺ I actually also spent weekends at another, larger small animal clinic, called the Castle Hill Veterinary clinic. I was able to do many of the same tasks and got to see some more major orthopedic surgeries as it was a larger clinic. Nearly all the clinics in Australia will agree to do this, as well as Sydney University offers a short term work experience opportunity, so if you ever get the chance to go, just google clinics around the area you're going to be in and send them emails. You'll get great responses!