Veterinary Practice in A Conservation Context

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- AAHA accredited, 24/7 Animal Hospital in Baltimore, MD
  - Provides small animal, avian and exotic pet care, boarding services and 24/7 emergency care
My Internship

• This summer I shadowed with a licensed DVM who sees dogs, cats and exotics (birds, reptiles and other small mammals)

• I assisted with routine appointments and observed and occasionally assisted with procedures and surgeries
Highlights

• Occasional wildlife patients
• Immersive experience: Watching surgeries, endoscopies, necroscopies and assisting with tests and exams
• A great part about working in an animal hospital is the dynamic nature of the job. Working varying hours, 55 hours a week for 8 weeks exposed me to real working conditions in an ever-changing environment
Culminating Project

• How do age, sex and species affect ALT and ALP?
• No correlations
• ALP varies by species, not by sex
• ALT not variable by species or sex
What’s next

• Real world experience
• Research
• Vet school
• Conservation

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