

# **Professional Summary**

As a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College 2003, I am a veterinarian with experience in both medical and surgical care of small animals in private practise. I have also explored alternative paths in Conservation Medicine and Shelter Medicine. Currently my clinical focus is Feline Medicine, including bringing "Cat Friendly" Certification to my practice and pursuing ABVP Diplomate status in Feline Medicine.

## **Highlights**

- "Cat Friendly" approach
- Self-directed, motivated learner
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills

- Thrives on challenging work
- Focused, persistent approach to clinical cases
- A team player

## **Experience**

### 2020-Present Veterinarian: The Cat Clinic, Hamilton, ON

- Providing specialized medical care to cats in a unique "feline only" Cat Friendly Practice.
- Pursuing advanced training in Feline Medicine, including board certification.

### 2018-2020 Veterinarian: VCA Bay Cities Animal Hospital, Burlington, ON

- Providing routine and complex medical care to cats and dogs
- · Established a personal list of clients and their pets
- Initiated and lead the team to achieve Gold Standard "Cat Friendly" Certification
- Advocated for Senior Feline care (bloodwork, urinalysis, blood pressure) and "end of life" care ("quality of life", supportive measures, client support)
- Routine contribution to clinic Newsletter for clients
- Outreach: Burlington Humane, Cupcake Day, Australia "Wildfire" fundraising

## 2017 Veterinarian: Queensway Veterinary Hospital, Simcoe, ON

 Providing locum medical care to cats and dogs within the framework of a busy multi-veterinarian facility

### 2016-2017 Veterinarian: West Niagara Animal Hospital, Vineland, ON

- Providing routine and complex medical care to cats and dogs
- Established a personal list of clients and their pets
- Providing surgical care (feline and canine spays/neuters, microchip implantation, removal of persistent deciduous teeth)

# 2015 Teaching Assistant: Post-graduate Shelter Medicine Online courses, University of Florida

- Responsible for the grading, teaching support & leadership of students enrolled in online Shelter Medicine certification courses
- Position required excellent time management skills and self-directed attention to the needs of the course and students

#### 2014-2016 Consultant for the Ontario SPCA

- Evaluated various animal shelters to ensure compliance with "Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters"
- Skills developed include tactfulness, diplomacy, communication both verbal & written, accuracy & attention to small details & building of rapport and team

#### 2005-2009 Veterinarian:

# Spencer Creek Animal Hospital, Dundas ON Golflinks Animal Hospital, Ancaster ON Chedoke Animal Hospital, Hamilton ON

- Offered routine and complex medical care to cats, dogs & pocket pets
- Provided surgical care including spay/neuter, declaw, dental care and mass removal in cats and dogs
- Established a personal list of loyal clients

## **Community Involvement**

2018-2019 Rabies Clinic, Burlington Humane

### 2014-2016 Member of the Board of Directors, Hamilton/Burlington SPCA

- Created Practise Guidelines for the shelter, Committee work for Quality Practise, Board discussion to set yearly goals, fundraising objectives & events.
- Developed appreciation for role of a Board & impact over management of an institution
- Required skills in diplomacy, clear communication, leadership & team building

## 2014 Community Veterinary Outreach, Hamilton

- Offered veterinary medical care to underprivileged clients
- Increased appreciation of the importance of animals for clients suffering mental illness, and homelessness

# 2010-2011 Assistant Editor, Canadian Veterinary Journal, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association

 Managed an ongoing supply of scientific papers requiring editing & potential approval for publication

### 2009-Present Review of Textbooks, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association

 Demonstrated clear written communication skills, tact & diplomacy in assessing quality and applicability of published texts for the veterinary community

## **Education**

**Master of Veterinary Science**, Conservation Medicine (2015), University of Edinburgh **Doctor of Veterinary Medicine**, Ontario Veterinary College (2003) University of Guelph

Bachelor of Science, Honours, Biochemistry/Nutrition, University of Ottawa

#### **Extended Educational Experiences:**

- AAFP/ISFM Feline Medicine Course (2020-2021) AAFP Conference 2019, San Francisco
- Routine attendance at CE presentations, locally, online, and at OVC
- Post-graduate Certificate in Shelter Medicine (2013-2014), University of Florida
- Community Cat Management Course (HVHQ S/N) (2014), University of Florida
- Canine & Feline Emergency Medicine course (2014), MVM Master's Small Animal Medicine, Massey University

## **Professional Associations**

- College of Veterinarians, License number 5961
- Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
- Ontario Veterinary Medical Association
- American Association of Feline Practitioners

# **References**

Gladly offered upon request