

Committee: **Animal Welfare Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Erin Nicholas**

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Occupation: **Research assistant/student**

Work experience: **I have spent 7 years working in a small animal veterinary hospital and one year working in an equine veterinary practice. I currently work as a research assistant.**

Education: **Science Laboratory Technology, Fanshawe College, current student. Registered Veterinary Technician, Ridgetown College, Graduated 2013 University of Guelph, Bachelor of Science, Graduated 2008**

Skills: **I have specialized knowledge in animal welfare as compared to the general public due to my diploma in Veterinary Technology. Because of my diploma, I have close contacts with other veterinary personnel with backgrounds in animal behaviour and welfare.**

Interest reason: **I am interested in ensuring the most humane management of animals (domestic and wildlife) and ensuring the best possible relationship between the animals and the general public.**

Contributions: **I believe that my experience working in veterinary medicine gives me a well-rounded understanding of the welfare of animals and I will bring this knowledge to this committee.**

Past contributions: **I sat on the governing body of the University of Guelph Equestrian Club for several years, which had 75-100 members. I was responsible for organizing one of the first province-wide university horse shows, including obtaining horses for competition.**

Interpersonal: **A major part of my job as a veterinary technician was customer service, including close contact with clients, discussing patient care. This involved talking to people from all backgrounds.**

Interview interest: **Yes**