

Committee: **put forth my name for the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented: **Ontario Association of Veterinary Technician's**

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Occupation: **Registered Veterinary Technician/Kennel worker**

Work experience: **Right out of school I worked as a Registered Veterinary Technician for the London Equine Hospital for 2 years. I have worked at King Animal Clinic as a Registered Veterinary Technician. All through out school and presently I have worked for Country Paws Boarding Kennel as an Kennel Attendant/Floater/Trainer. Currently however I am on Maternity leave until August 8th 2016.**

Education: **I have received my High school Diploma from Westminster Secondary School and have received my Veterinary Technician Diploma as well from St. Clair College. I passed my Registration exam for Veterinary Technician as well as the Professionalism and ethics course required to complete the Registration for the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians.**

Skills: **As a Registered Veterinary Technician I know how animals should be treated as well as the by-laws of the city. I know the way shelters and vet clinics work as far as politics and organizational skills. I have always had a soft spot for animals and I have always done what I can to help them. I will also be taking a canine massage therapy course in the fall to expand my knowledge and get into rehabilitation which is where my real passion lies when it comes to animals. I am also a very organized person and do my best to keep everything I am involved in as organized as possible.**

Interest reason: **I think this would be an excellent experience for me to be around people who think the same way I do when it comes to animals. It will be good for me to meet people in different careers to do what we can to help animals as much as we can in the city and beyond.**

Contributions: **I believe I can bring an open-minded point of view to any situation that may come up. I tend to think outside of the box in certain situations to try and make it easy and acceptable for everyone involved. Bringing a fresh set of ears, eyes, and ideas is always helpful in any situation.**

Past contributions: **To be honest I have not been on a committee like this before because I wasn't aware they existed. I am on a Community Outreach committee at my church and have been for about 4 years and we do a lot for the community including a free fun fair annually for the surrounding community. I was also involved on a committee that dealt with the youth 13-18 years of age, and ran our youth group for a couple years with a co-leader.**

Interpersonal: **I have a lot of experience in exchanging views with people, when I was in college we had debates about certain ethical situations it was always educational. At Country Paws we are encouraged to share our views with other staff members and management. I have also been a trainer for new staff coming into Country Paws for 2.5 years now. As a veterinary technician you are constantly sharing your views with co-workers, as there are certain ways of doing things that works better for others, then it may for you or vice-versa.**

Interview interest: **Yes**