



Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium and Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park and Wildlife Safari Veterinary Externship Program

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**Application information can be found on the AAZV website
under educational opportunities**

The Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium (OHDZA) veterinary externship program is designed to familiarize **4th year veterinary students**, from accredited institutions, with a veterinary program in a zoological setting. Under the direct supervision of the veterinarians, students will have the opportunity to utilize their medical knowledge and skills in the diagnosis and care of the exotic and wildlife species included in the collections at the OHDZA and the Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park and Wildlife Safari, a drive thru park 30 minute outside of Omaha. The collections contain a variety of animals including hoof stock, great apes, primates, carnivores, small mammals, pachyderms, pinnipeds, birds, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, and multiple aquatic species. Externships should be at least 4 weeks in duration and will conclude at a time mutually agreed upon by the Senior veterinarian at the zoo, the student, and his/her mentor. Each student will have a unique experience based on the routine health checks and medical and surgical procedures that take place during their rotation. Not all students will work with all species but every effort will be made to provide a well-rounded experience during their stay. Housing is provided.

Some of the things an extern can expect to participate in or learn include:

- routine case evaluation/work-ups/treatments
- limited case management as determined by the veterinarians
- participation in procedures/surgeries
- avian, herp and/or mammal venipuncture
- anesthetic monitoring
- record keeping using the ZIMS medical record system
- participation in chemical immobilizations
- the use of remote darting and capture equipment

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