

Becoming a Professional

Weekly Report 3 ~ 9/3/18 - 9/9/18

This week's agenda laid out plans for preparation contacting mentors and being professional. Introduction of the contact log and resume were major milestones in the journey through the Independent Study and Mentorship program. Additionally, more research was conducted over common surgeries in the veterinary field.

The introduction of the contact log prompted searches for possible mentors. This opened up a line of thought over what kind of mentor is best for this topic. Some options that were considered included rescue veterinarians, shelter veterinarians, emergency veterinarians, and main practice veterinarians. After lots of thought and consideration, it was decided that all of these were valid options as possible mentors because each type of veterinarian will provide a different outlook on the veterinary world as a whole that will be incredibly valuable later on.

Beginning to work on the resume that will be given to all potential mentors was very eye-opening. Deciding what to put on my resume and what to leave out has helped orient any future goals toward things that will be beneficial to my resume and experience. Additionally, picking out a resume format helped decide what the color scheme will be for this year.

Research became more specified this week over what is most important to know as a veterinarian. The most common surgery that every veterinarian performs are ovariohysterectomies and orchiectomies, also known as spays and neuters. Because of how common and well known these surgeries are, research this week was entirely focused on the inner working of said surgeries. Learning the basics of these surgeries will be very beneficial later on during mentor visits because having a working knowledge of these surgeries will result in increased knowledge over common instruments and procedures in a veterinary office.

This week was very helpful in preparation for contacting mentors and being professional while doing so. It also helped solidify a color scheme for this year and further research into surgeries that are common in the veterinary field. Next week will be directed towards preparing for interviews and learning more about protocols in the veterinary clinic.