

Veterinary Assistant

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A weekly look at who does what job in Manitoba



JENNIFER LESAGE

■ OCCUPATION: Veterinary Assistant

■ SALARY RANGE: \$10.00 - \$15.00 per hour

Jennifer Lesage is very succinct and direct when asked if she enjoys her career as a Veterinary Office Assistant, "its AWESOME...I absolutely love it."

When asked what her favourite part of the job is she responds "working with the animals." Jennifer says that she chose this career because of her love for animals and the compassion that she feels toward them. Unfortunately not everything is positive and she says that her least favourite part of the job is when an animal must be put down.

The job responsibilities include reception duties, dispensing medications, providing treatment to animals, assisting with boarding and helping to restrain animals when required. Jennifer is quick to offer "I am using every skill that I learned at school on a daily basis".

Once she had decided to pursue a career working with animals, Jennifer researched the programs offered by different schools. "I selected the Robertson College course because it accommodated my busy schedule and allowed me to be job ready in just 8 months". She is now looking into a pre-Veterinary program and hopes to attend the University of Saskatchewan in the future to become a Veterinarian.

Jennifer has already referred some friends to this course because she found a job very quickly after graduation. "I actually got a referral from my practicum host which led to this job. There are lots of jobs available if you do a little research."

When asked what qualifications a person should possess in order to be successful in this field, she said "they should be compassionate, energetic and friendly." And above all, they should love animals."

The next class for Veterinary Assistants starts at Robertson College on September 7. For more information, call the school at 943-5661 or visit the website at www.robertsoncollege.com

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