



# Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine

## Pre-Veterinary Newsletter Fall 2009

### Fall 2009 Applicants

A reminder to those of you applying this fall that you need to complete two applications:

- **Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) Application** ([www.aavmc.org](http://www.aavmc.org))  
**Deadline: October 2nd**
- **Cornell Supplemental Application**  
([www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/application/index.asp](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/application/index.asp))  
**Deadline: October 26th**

### Tips for Applicants

**Tip #1:** Start your Cornell Application as soon as you can. On a regular basis we send out email tips (like these) and reminders to assist you in the application process.



**Tip #2:** Please make sure you have official transcripts sent directly from your college registrar to the DVM Admissions Office as soon as possible. We will begin tracking in documents and prerequisite courses September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Tip #3:** The recommended deadline for Prerequisite Substitutions Forms is September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will review these forms after the recommended deadline, but the response time may be two weeks.

**Tip #4:** Watch your tracking page for documents and prerequisite course work to be tracked in soon. Note, this is a manual process, so allow time between having documents sent in and seeing it up on the tracking page.

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## Hear from Students

Visit our web site to hear two DVM students talk about their experiences at Cornell. The link is the last bullet on the list under admissions.

[www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions)

## High School Students

Many high school students wonder what they can do to begin preparing for their eventual application to the College of Veterinary Medicine. Although some time away, there are some things you can do to begin preparing today!

First make sure you are taking solid academic courses in high school. Pay attention to all subjects, but note you will have to take some science prerequisite courses in college. If you have a chance to take those areas in high school to gain some background that would be great. These subject areas are biology, chemistry and physics.

Start looking at undergraduate colleges early. Consider the types of colleges you are looking at and make sure they will offer you a rigorous and challenging curriculum. You are preparing to enter a medical curriculum, so you want to be well prepared, particularly in the sciences.

Finally, start looking for ways to gain animal/veterinary experiences. Different ways to gain this experience as a high school student include 4-H Clubs and some scouting clubs, employment in pet stores, volunteer at a humane society or wildlife center, zoo internship programs, work at a stable, and some veterinarians may allow you to shadow.



## Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> is Pre-Vet Club Saturday

### Itinerary

- 11:30-12:30 Tour of the Vet College
- 12:30-1:00 Pizza with current  
DVM students
- 1:00-2:00 Admissions Presentation

## *Pre-Vet Club Saturday*

If your Pre-Vet Club would like to come for an Admissions Presentation and Tour on this day, let us know by emailing [vet\\_admissions@cornell.edu](mailto:vet_admissions@cornell.edu).

This is a great opportunity to meet some current Cornell DVM students, students from other college pre-vet clubs, take a tour of the College, and learn more about the admissions process. Large and small clubs are welcome, but there is a limit on how many we can accommodate. Consider contacting us as soon as possible!

### Pre-Vet Clubs Continued

Pre-Vet Clubs~ let us know who you are! Email us at [vet\\_admissions@cornell.edu](mailto:vet_admissions@cornell.edu). Please include your college/university's name and contact information for the club officer(s) and club advisor(s). If we are going to be in your area we will contact you to set up a time to meet.

### Presentations & Tours

#### Fall 2009 Admissions Presentations & Tours

*September 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:00*

*October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00-5:00*

*November 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:00*

To register for an upcoming presentation and tour please visit the following link:  
<https://secure.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/application/refgform.asp>

There is a limit to how many we are able to accommodate on the tour. If you find the date is closed, please email us at [vet\\_admissions@cornell.edu](mailto:vet_admissions@cornell.edu) and we can put you on a **wait list**.



*Please visit our web site regularly for advice on how to prepare for a future application as well as the most up to date information about the admissions application process.*  
[www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions)