

# CARISSA GENTRY

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## **Education**

***University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine*** — Knoxville, TN  
Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine

Expected May 2023

***Berry College***—Mount Berry, GA  
Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science

May 2018

## **Experience**

***USDA Public Trust in the Dairy Industry***  
Research Assistant

Nov 2020 – Present

- Assessing public perception of the dairy industry with UW-Madison team
- Created a spectrum of short videos showcasing the variety of ways dairy cattle are handled. Videos were edited and blurred for use in the survey
- Assisting in post-survey focus group sessions and analysis of the generated transcripts

***UTCVM Electives and Clinicals, Knoxville, Tennessee***

2022

Theriogenology Clinical Rotation and Elective

- Competent in completing a full reproductive exam on stallions and bulls including handling, collection, and semen evaluation
- Experienced in completing mare and cow reproductive exams utilizing palpation, ultrasound, uterine cytology, and uterine culture

Large Animal Surgery Elective

- Practiced common surgeries performed on horses and cattle with Dr. Mulon and Dr. Valk, including—tenotomies, enucleations and exenterations, laceration repairs, cosmetic dehorning, hoof trimming, distal limb amputations, treatment of hoof punctures and an exploratory laparotomy

Farm Animal Field Services

- Experience disbudding kids/calves and dehorning cattle
- Involved in multiple LDA corrections via roll and toggle
- Proficient in bull calf and boar piglet castrations

***West Bearden Veterinary Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee***

May – August 2021

Small Animal Veterinary Intern

- Assisted Dr. Pittenger twice a week with patient examinations, treatment protocols and surgical procedures

***Butler Veterinary Services, Knoxville, Tennessee***

Large Animal Veterinary Intern

April – June 2021

- Accompanied Dr. Butler and Dr. Wicker on weekly herd checks including pregnancy checks, vaccinations, and castrations of local beef cattle

***Twynam Agricultural Group, New South Wales, Australia***

Aug – Oct 2018

Employee

- Assisted livestock manager with cow/calf operations and helped build a new equestrian facility
- Supported embryologist with embryo transfers, in vitro fertilization and artificial insemination of Hereford cattle

***Rollins Dairy, Mount Berry, Georgia***

Feb 2015 – May 2018

Level 5 Employee of a student run dairy housing 75 animals with 32 in lactating herd  
4-stall herring bone parlor running on Afimilk software system

- Coordinated and conducted vaccinations for all calves, heifers, and cows
- Managed calving, dehorning, tattooing, and tagging of all calves
- Managed feeding program — TMR mixing, inventory management, equipment maintenance & pasture management
- Assisted veterinarians on staff – Dr. Dixon, Dr. Ruffner, and Dr. Goldberg
- Conducted in-depth tours for prospective students and community groups
- 24/7 On-Call Resident (Aug 2017—May 2018)

***African Conservation Experience, Limpopo, South Africa***

May – June 2017

Student Intern

- Assisted Dr. Lowe Grobler with immobilization, examination, and treatment of local wildlife
- Game capture and translocation of multiple antelope species, wildebeest, zebra, and cape buffalo
- Assisted in TB testing cape buffalo, pregnancy checks on sable, and treatment of injured animals

***Zoo Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia***

May – Aug 2016

Primate Intern

- General upkeep of cages and yards
- Documented development for the Schmidt's Guenon and Colobus infants
- Observed training sessions and various ultrasounds with veterinary staff

***Terrell Mill Veterinary Hospital, Marietta, Georgia***

Veterinary assistant

May –Aug 2015

Intern

Aug – Dec 2014

- Assisted veterinarians with procedures and diagnostic services
- Worked specifically with Dr. Miller twice a week on her surgery only days

**Additional Memberships and Certifications**

- *Food Animal Club Co-President* [Dec 2020 – Dec 2021]— Organized club meetings and wet-labs to provide students more experience with food animal medicine
- *Food Animal Club Co-Vice President* [Mar 2020 – Dec 2020]—Organized club meetings and sold FAC hats to fund our clubs wet labs
- *Feed-A-Pet Volunteer* [Aug 2020—Sept 2021] – Delivered free pet food to elderly individuals in Knox County
- *UTCVM Large Animal Emergency* [Aug 2019 – May 2020] – Accompanied UTCVM large animal ambulatory veterinarian on emergency calls
- *Fundraising Committee UTCVM* [Sept 2019 – May 2020] –Raised money for Class of 2023
- *Dairy Farmers of America* [May 2017] – Represented Berry College Dairy at annual DFA conference
- *AABP Member*
- *SAVMA Member*
- *Artificial Insemination Technician* [Certified via Select Sires training course 2016]
- *Fear Free Certified*
- *Beef Quality Assurance Qualified*
- *Partners for Healthy Pets Certified*

References can be provided upon request