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* A third-year Zoology student at the University of Exeter.
* Enthusiastic, punctual and hard working.
* Highly knowledgeable on the animal kingdom, conservation and ecology.
* A strong passion for animals and believes conservation plays a vital role.
* Looking to work in a zoological establishment, helping to aid the conservation of many animal species around the world.
* Looking to gain experience in the animal husbandry and management field.

**Education**

**BSc Zoology, 2:1 (September 2011-June 2014)**

University of Exeter

* Including modules such as The Biology of Mammals, Behavioural Ecology and Biodiversity and Conservation.
* Third-year research project conducted on jackdaw vocalizations during the nesting and fledging period.

**A-Levels (September 2009-June 2011); Worcester Sixth Form College**

3 A-Levels in Biology (B), Chemistry (B) and Geography (A). Also 1 AS-Level in Maths (B).

**GCSEs (September 2007-June 2009); Chantry High School, Martley, Worcester**

12 GCSE’s including Maths, English and Biology, all A\*-B grade.

**Work/Field Experience**

**XP Lighting 2012-present**

During holidays, have worked as part of a small business, helping to package and send orders, communicate with customers and set up the company’s online shop.

**Noah’s Ark Zoo Farm\* 2014**

Provisional work experience placement. Will be gaining two weeks work experience as a zoo keeper, involving hands-on work with both domesticated and exotic animals.

**University of Exeter Research Project 2013-2014**

Undertook a research project looking into the vocalisations of jackdaws and their chicks. Involved data collection, data analysis and write-up.

**University of Exeter Field Trips 2011-2014**

* Bird and rock-pool surveys in and around the university in Cornwall.
* Seabird colony censuses, data collection and analysis and observational skills in the north of Scotland.
* Projects on termites and num-num plants in the field in South Africa, along with distance sampling, identification and general fieldwork skills.
* General identification and observational skills.

**St. Peter’s Garden Centre 2008**

Gained a week’s worth of work experience at the garden centre, which included working hands-on with domesticated animals.

\*To be completed.

**Key Skills**

**IT Skills**

* Analysis of Biological Data and research project; gained a level of experience with the statistical programme R.
* Created numerous presentations and posters using Microsoft PowerPoint.
* Created a website advertising myself.

**Field Skills**

* Experience in setting up Longworth small mammal traps.
* Experience in handling small garden birds whilst mist netting.
* Identification and observational skills have been improved by field trips, walks with EcoSoc (the university’s biology society) and personal experience.
* Behaviour and vocalizations analysed during third-year research project on jackdaws.

**Laboratory Skills**

* A number of modules undertaken whilst at university, especially Laboratory Techniques in Zoology and Evolutionary Biology, have allowed me to gain experience and knowledge of laboratory techniques.
* Basic knowledge on the use of microscopes.
* Knowledge of dissections, as I personally dissected a grey squirrel for The Biology of Mammals, and also observed the dissection of a harbour porpoise and grey seal.

**Communication & Teamwork Skills**

* A wide range of university assessments have allowed me to improve my presentational skills (presentations), written communication skills (essays) and verbal communication (discussion groups).
* Ten minute solo presentation conducted in third-year of university, explaining my third-year research project.
* Able to work in the field as part of a team, as shown by field trips to Scotland and South Africa.
* Communication skills in relation to leading a team were gained whilst Managing Director of a Young Enterprise team at high school.
* This, along with being a member of a Newsday team, a Young Engineers team and a SIFE team, have allowed me to greatly increase my communication and teamwork skills.
* Working in a professional environment (St. Peter’s Garden Centre) allowed me to forge relationships with other staff members and recognise the value of good customer service.

**Other Skills**

* High levels of social skills, which have grown throughout my time in education.
* Easy to get on with and communicate ideas to.
* Junior and Intermediate Maths Challenge.
* Basic skill with a camera.

**Interests**

* Personal interest and basic research on many animal species, especially mammals, with a fondness for carnivores and the cat family in particular.
* Frequent visitor to zoological establishments, allowing me to see exotic animals close at hand.
* I enjoy animal photography, and take many pictures whilst at these zoological establishments.
* A love for nature documentaries including ‘Africa’ and ‘Natural World’.
* Keen observer of sports, including Formula 1 and football.
* Enjoys go-karting.

**Referee**

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