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What I Want To Be in the Future and How I Will Get There

My goal after high school is to obtain the proper training and become a veterinary technician. I have always had the heart to work with animals. It has always been something I am good at. I was born into a family that also has the compassion and love for animals just as I do. My family has always had a large fur baby family. I can not honestly remember a time where we did not at least have two dogs and two cats. I was about three or four years old when I first told my family that I wanted to work for a veterinarian. It is my dream. I am taking it step by step to make my way to that dream. I have a specific veterinary clinic I would love to try. It would be my pleasure to start at Lake Hamilton Animal Hospital.

I do plan to work in the step program my 12th grade year and definitely start at Lake Hamilton Animal Hospital. I have discussed in detail with Mrs. Keeling about my dream job and my backup plan if the veterinary job is not my jig. I have come in contact with some the workers there at Lake Hamilton Animal Hospital, to just come closer with the employees and know more on what it is like.

There is only one way to reach your dream which is step up to the home plate and go with it. Here are some do's and don'ts when trying to achieve your dream job:

- Do not undersell yourself
- Do not panic
- Do not doubt your abilities
- Be yourself
- Be prepared
- Be enthusiastic

These steps are important in many different ways. They can be used on the job or even in a job interview. There are many precautions you need to be aware of during certain situations.

This job is appealing to me because it is something I am looking forward to doing in my future and possibly doing it the rest of my life, if I enjoy it. I am not interested in this job for the money. I know that a veterinarian assistant does not always work in the most ideal of situations. I am interested in this job for the experience and the kind heart that I have for animals. If having animals of your own is an experience, then I have had a ton of experience. I have had dogs, cats, rabbits, and etc. I think having experience before just jumping into a job is important because you need to know what you are getting yourself into. If you don't have experience and you end up not liking what you do then you'll just be wasting your time to even go and put in an application for the job you have no experience for.

The reason this job touches my heart and soul so much is because I have the ability to relieve the suffering of animals. Some of these animals could have experienced traumatic injuries or chronic illnesses. Not only do I work well with animals, I can also work well with humans that are doing the same job that I have dreamed of for multiple years now. As long as the people I work with are friendly and passionate about their job then I feel as if I can fit right in. One of my good qualities is that I am a hard person to make mad. I get over things and move on with my day. Life is too short to be mad all the time. Most people just get over it but there are those types that like to hold grudges against you.

Being a veterinarian can be a very stressful career choice. It is highly emotional at times and very rewarding at other times. Most people think that veterinary technicians are rich which is a false statement, but they do make a decent income. I asked multiple

people that work at our local vet clinics, “what is it like working for a vet and what training must you have to work at a veterinarian’s office?” They have given me tips like, “It’s rewarding, challenging, and demanding. What we look for is passion for or clinical interest in animals, great interpersonal skills, and possession of a strong work ethic.”

I love to help people out as much as I can and I know most people treat their fur babies like their own babies. Animals are really special; they are just like humans, but with fur and four legs. All the animals that I have had have been sweet, kind and loving. Almost all animals love to cuddle, you as the owner of the animal have to raise it right for it to be good towards you and maybe others depending if its a guard animal. I had a golden retriever, and he was the cutest dog I think I have owned in my lifetime. I saved him from the highway on a hot sunny day in 2014. He passed away 3/20/20. I think that was the worst thing I have had to get over in a long time. It broke my heart. He was my everything.

When I was about 4 years old my grandpa told me I can be anything I wanted as long as I put my mind to it, and I believe that 1000%. He passed away January 8th, 2020 and after that everything he has told me I have taken into consideration. I'm working towards every dream I have ever wanted, and it's paying off slowly. I think everyone should have the knowledge on what they want to be when they leave high school and once they get their mindset on that job, I think they should do anything and everything in their ability to go with it and try it out. Everyone deserves a chance at what they want in the future.