Avian Health Internship (2 students)

The DVM students are pursuing professional post baccalaureate degrees. They are graduate students but their core curriculum is not focused on research or the Masters in Extension program. Nevertheless, this summer internship is valuable for a DVM student in two distinct ways. Much of their education is focused on the client or owner-animal patient relationship. The Extension summer internship would expose them to both community animal issues and regulatory animal disease issues. It would also provide an opportunity to work with veterinarians outside of the private practice realm (state veterinarian, federal and state vets, MPH vets) and other community professionals such as County Extension agents, public health, brand inspectors, and Emergency managers with whom they will partner in their professional lives.

This internship is ONLY open to students who have completed their first or second years of the DVM program.

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* Students’ primary assignment will be with Heather Reider and the CSU Avian Health Team part of the Colorado Avian Health Program, a cooperative effort of CSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Colorado Department of Agriculture and USDA. Between 2004 and 2018 the team sampled over 90,000 birds at fairs and on farms to survey for important avian infectious diseases, performed necropsies from over 100 different flocks and maintains data and surveillance on over 3,000 Colorado backyard flocks. The student gains experience handling many kinds of poultry, seeing multiple types of production systems and answering questions on poultry health and husbandry from the general public. Data collected in 2022 for this program will be presented at the poster session for the annual Extension forum. Both students will make an informational product for poultry owners on a topic of their choosing.
* Attend county fairs in 5-7 counties (Pueblo, Weld, Boulder, Larimer, Adams, and possibly Garfield) perform health exams on 4-H birds before they enter the fairgrounds. Discuss health and husbandry with 4-H participants.
* Work in the main Veterinary Diagnostic Lab in Fort Collins on CSU South Campus as well as the smaller Diagnostic Lab in Grand Junction with Dr Ray Walke.
* Work with the State DVM, Maggie Baldwin, on outbreaks of reportable diseases in poultry

Both interns will be funded by a grant from National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP) 2020 Funding Opportunity under Section 12101 of the 2018 Farm Bill. A 10 week stipend and travel budget is included.