**Jessica Baxter**

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**PROFILE**

* Lifelong interest in, and genuine love of animals, with desire to make a career in

animal care, behavior, rescue and rehabilitation

* Experienced in the care of a wide range of animals, including natives and exotics
* Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing
* Certificate III in Captive Animals
* Statement of Attainment in Animal Care for Non-Venomous Reptiles
* Statement of Attainment in Primate care
* Friendly and confident with excellent communication skills
* Able to work independently, and as part of a team
* Experienced with computers, and clerical record keeping
* Trustworthy and reliable
* Quick and keen learner; willing to acquire new skills

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**October 2016 – Current Keeper, Trainer and Presenter,** Get Wild Animal Encounters, NSW

Keeper/Presenter duties include; diet prep, feeding and watering of animals, cleaning, enclosure maintenance, enrichment activities, record keeping, veterinary nursing skills, educating guests, public presentations, transporting animals, setting up mobile displays and ensuring animal welfare. Trainer duties include operant conditioning, target and clicker training with Common Marmosets and various bird species.

**November 2016 – Current Volunteer Keeper/Aquarist,** Manly Sea Life Sanctuary, Manly, NSW

Volunteer Keeper/Aquarist duties include; diet prep, feeding animals, cleaning, exhibit maintenance, record keeping, water quality, interacting with guests, assisting different departments.

**March 2016 – Current Volunteer Keeper,** Zambi Wildlife Retreat, Wallacia NSW

Volunteer duties include; Zoo Keeper duties, cleaning, diet preparation, feeding and watering of animals, enrichment activities, enclosure maintenance, yard work, record keeping, perimeter checks, veterinary nursing duties. Species worked with include; Big Cats (Lions, Tigers & Puma), Primates (Baboons & Macaques), Elephant, Dingoes, Reptiles (Snakes, lizards, turtles, etc.), Birds (Macaws, Eclectus, African Grey, Sun Conures, Galahs, Finches, Peacocks, etc.), Farmyard animals (sheep, cows, goats, donkeys, horses, geese, ducks, chickens, pigs, etc.)

**March 2016 – May 2016 Intern,** Dolphin Marine Magic (Pet Porpoise Pool Pty.) Coffs Harbour, NSW

Internship duties included; Cleaning, task sheets and quizzes, assist with Marine Discovery show, crowd control, pool watch, pool sweeping, feeding of many species, assisting with interactions and encounters, public speaking for exhibit talks and animal encounters, using operant conditioning, assisting and performing DPE behaviours, assisting with training sessions, using sD and tactile cues, using bridges and positive reinforcement, assisting with target training, assisting with autopsies, taking bloods, sea turtle rehabilitation and release, turtle scoring, veterinary nursing, moving sea lions between enclosures, enrichment, fish kitchen duties, record keeping and filing, daily diet preparation, AM and PM fish breakout, exhibit maintenance, water testing, working with filtration and pumping systems, worked with Life Sciences team, Species worked with: Australian Sea Lions, Indo-Pacific Bottle nosed Dolphins, Little Blue Penguins, Fresh water turtles, Marine turtles (Green sea, Hawksbill, Logger-Head), Fiddler rays, Port Jackson Sharks and many different fish species.

**Sept 2014 – Dec 2016 Veterinary Nurse,** North Shore Veterinary Hospital (Vetfriends), Crows Nest

**Feb 2014 - Oct 2014 Veterinary Nurse,** Figtree Veterinary Clinic (Vetfriends), Lane Cove NSW

**Feb 2012 - June 2014** **Veterinary Nurse,** Sylvania Veterinary Hospital, Sylvania NSW

Veterinary Nursing duties including; coordinating clinic admissions and discharges; providing nursing care and grief support to clients; applying digital radiographic routines and implementing procedures; performing and recording pathology procedures using IDEXX, Vetscan and iStat; preparing and providing support for surgical procedures; monitoring patient anaesthesia; performing post-operative procedures and care; nursing hospitalised animals, monitoring clinical signs, communicating with owners; placing IV catheters; drawing blood for pathology testing; administrating medications and injections; providing care and analgesia in pain situations; assisting with digital X-rays, ultrasound and CT, preparing surgery schedules, implementing surgery preparations; performing cat castrates & dental procedures; cleaning, maintaining and storing theatre instruments, equipment and supplies; provide basic first aid to animals; Triaging; undertaking daily clinic routines & routine monitoring of patients; general animal care - feeding, cleaning, grooming, cattery duties & assisting in restraint; Caring for wildlife &arranging carers; reception/clerical duties including telephone calls, face-to-face enquiries, filing, cash handling, sending emails/faxes, appointment setting & processing accounts.

**2009-2012** **Receptionist & Personal Assistant,** Spiritual Soul, Biggera Waters QLD.

Face-to-face & telephone reception; appointment setting; customer assistance; cash handling/EFTPOS/point of sale; data entry and computer work using Microsoft & MYOB; cleaning premises.

**2010-2011 Dog Groomer/Walker** (casual), Biggera Waters QLD

In spare time from receptionist role, would exercise, wash, groom and provide general care to a range of dog breeds in the absence of their owners.

**Mar 2009-Nov 2009** **Dog Groomer** (casual), Dog Wash Café, Caringbah NSW

Provided a complete grooming service for a range of dog breeds, including hydrobathing, blowdrying, clipping, nail trimming, and ear cleaning for dogs; plus cleaned and sterilized equipment.

**2008- 2009** **Customer Service Assistant**, Network Video, Biggera Waters QLD

Check out and reshelving of DVDS and videos, assisting customers, cash handling, general cleaning of premises.

**2005-2007 Dog Walker** (casual), Portland NSW

While in full time education and as a casual job exercised, wash, groom and provide general care to a range of dog breeds, in the absence of their owners.

**2005 - 2007 Animal Attendant** (volunteer), Lithgow Show Animal Nursery

General care of calves, chicks, rabbits, ducklings, and lambs at the Animal Nursery display, including supervising children and adults in the vicinity of animals, observing for signs of stress in the animals, providing regular food and water to animals, ensuring pens were secured and clean at all times.

**2001-2006 Horse and Stable Attendant** (casual), Portland NSW

Regularcare, grooming and cleaning of stalls for around seven horses in the Portland area on spare time before and after school and on weekends.

**INTERESTS**

* Animal behaviour and training – Operant conditioning
* Marine mammals and exotics
* Rescue, rehabilitation and release
* Primates
* Attended Tafe Plus Course Dog Behaviour 26697
* Being around animals – have grown up on farms caring for horses, ducks, turtles,

rabbits, guinea pigs and marine life as well as cats, dogs, and exotic birds, etc.

* Participated in ‘Keeper for a day’ at Taronga Zoo

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**2016** Completed Statement of Attainment in Primate care, Ultimo TAFE

**2016** Completed Statement of Attainment in Animal Care for Non-Venomous Reptiles, Ultimo TAFE

**2016** Completed Certificate III in Captive Animals, Ultimo TAFE

**2014** Completed Certificate IV Veterinary Nursing, Ultimo TAFE

**2011** Completed Certificate III in Beauty Services, Gymea TAFE

**2008**  Year 10 at Aquinas College, QLD

* Hold NSW Class C Driver’s License
* Hold Senior First Aid Certificate
* PADI Open Water certified

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

**2016** Selected to participate in an 8-day study tour with TAFE in Borneo to study behaviour of Orangutans at

Camp Leakey. I then did media interviews with Sydney Daily Telegraph and ABC Radio about my

 involvement.

**2016** Participated in Dolphin Marine Magic’s turtle rehabilitation program. Assisted in the care and veterinary

treatment of several marine turtles and was involved in the release of a green sea turtle.

**2016**  Completed 3 days of volunteer training and work at Port Macquarie Koala Hospital.

* Consistently won Age Champion at school swimming carnivals; I am a very strong swimmer
* Consecutive winner of the Public Speaking Competition Award at high school
* Participated in 2006 Croc Dance Festival, Moree (multicultural activities)

**REFERENCES**

Daniel Brighton, Get Wild, 0410 577 544

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