

Annika De Graaf

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After eight years working at a clinic specialised in secondary animal care, assisting in daily procedures, leading a team of eight veterinary assistants and playing a role in the daily planning and management of the clinic, I wanted to share my knowledge with the next generation of colleagues.

I believe my "on the floor" experience can help students gain a better understanding and appreciation for the tasks they will be entrusted with and help them find the balance between being an efficient expert technician and the trustworthy comforting presence for clients and patients. In short... to communicate what it truly means to be a professional veterinary assistant.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-
Present

LECTURER AGRO- & BIOTECHNOLOGY, ANIMAL CARE THOMAS MORE, GEEL

Lecturing various practical and theoretical courses within the bachelor program Agro- & Biotechnology option Animal Care.

2009-
2017

HEAD VETERINARY NURSE, ANIMAL CLINIC SANIMALIA, DIEPENBEEK

Beside the general tasks of caring for our animal patients, assisting in medical and surgical interventions and administration, I was asked to lead a team of eight assistants. This included daily management and planning, recruitment and training of new colleagues and mentoring our interns.

EDUCATION

2006

BACHELOR DEGREE IN AGRO- & BIOTECHNOLOGY OPTION ANIMAL CARE

My love for animals and my organisational skills found a perfect match in this training at the Katholieke Hogeschool Kempen. Graduating Cum Laude in 2006.

2001

TEACHER TRAINING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

For three semesters, I attended the Katholieke Hogeschool Leuven to become a primary school teacher. Despite finishing the first two semesters with honours I eventually decided to look for a different type of challenge.

CONTINUOUS EDUCATION

2019

VETNNET CONFERENCE BRUGES

2019

CAT FRIENDLY VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ISFM ICATCARE

2019

ANESTHESIA & POST-OPERATIVE CARE IPV, GHENT

2019

SAVAB CONFERENCE "BREATHE" RONSE

2018

VETNNET CONFERENCE PROVETO

2010 - 2013

PROVETO RABBITS AND RODENTS VETERINARY ASSISTANTS DAY

2013

CEVA BEHAVIOUR TRAINING FELINE PROBLEM BEHAVIOUR

2012

ICEPET NUTRITION: THE 5TH VITAL ASSESSEMENT

2012

SOS PET EMERGENCY MEDICINE AND SURGERY - PROF. M. SCHAER & PROF. D. SPRENG

CERTIFICATIONS

CAT FRIENDLY VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL

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