I shadowed at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine for 5 weeks over the summer. I observed and assisted the new 4th year students in their clinical rotations under the supervision of the teaching veterinarian. Each week, I picked a different rotation to join. The rotations I observed were farm animal medicine, equine medicine, avian and exotic medicine, orthopedic/physical therapy, and behavior/nutrition.

While in Knoxville, I lived in one of the dorms (Volunteer Hall) on the University of Tennessee campus.

Here are a few examples of procedures I saw while shadowing...

- A cria (baby alpaca) cared for in large animal
- A fawn being tended in the wildlife ward
- A cow gets a foot trim from Dr. Van Amstel
- Rumen fluid is taken from this cow via the fistula to give to other cows lacking proper gut microbes.
- Enucleation (eye removal) of a horse’s eye that had trauma and a bacterial infection, performed by Dr. Dan Ward
- A guinea pig gets a dental exam
- A chicken undergoes surgery to remove retained eggs
- On the left, a Yorkie gets laser treatment post femoral head ostectomy. On the right, another dog goes through swimming pool therapy post-operatively

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