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The place to for the Companion Industry

No animal industry can match the degree of involvement into the lives of Americans as can the companion animal industry. In the US 59.8% of all families own some companion animal; 45.7% own dogs, cats, or both. There are 52.9 million cats and 59 million dogs in the U.S., yet 4200 more families own dogs. While cats and dogs are still unrivaled in popularity, bird ownership has soared 14.5% in the past five years (AVMA, 1996). Indiana pet owners annually spend about \$7 billion on veterinary care for their animals and \$14 billion on feed and supplies. There are more multiple animal households with more exotic animal ownership. The companion animal industry in Indiana is well

developed and has the capacity to employ a diverse workforce in pet food and health care industries, pet sales, kennel and breeding operation management, humane society management, and veterinarians. Little doubt exists that the urban and suburban populations and animal ownership will increase further the importance of animals in a non-farm lifestyle of Americans. Our student populations and resulting support industry opportunities reflect this popularity of companion animals.



Activities

ACTIVITIES PURDUE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY –

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PRE VET CLUB- The purpose of the club is to inform Students of various options in the veterinary medical profession, inform students of parallel career opportunities that might interest them, promote fellowship among students, and promote closer relationships between students and faculty. You may visit their website at <http://expert.cc.purdue.edu/~prevet>



HELPING PAWS— We are a club dedicated to helping foster the human animal bond as well as aiding stray and homeless animals. We regularly help out at the Tippecanoe county humane society, raise funds to help individual animals, and walk the vet school's blood donor dogs. All majors are welcome. Visit us at www.purdue.edu/paws

THE CHAPS – The Therapy, Health, and Education through *Children and Horses As Partner's* is owned and operated as an educational program of Purdue University and the Camp Tecumseh Equestrian Center in Brookston. Founded in 1994, THE CHAPS now serves the needs of over 130 youth with disabilities with both private and school-facilitated programs. It is an accredited NARHA Center and serves as a model

extension and research source for the other 20 centers in Indiana and Region 4 of NARHA. THE CHAPS program is used to educate Purdue students as volunteers, in classes, and provides valuable experience for those interested in using horses to benefit people. Contact Melinda Wiggins (wigginsm@purdue.edu)

Animal Sciences Ambassadors – Animal Sciences Ambassadors serve a vital role to the department as a liaison between the faculty and students as well as promoting the department across the state of Indiana.



Companion Animal Related Courses:

Biology of Companion Animals

Animal Genetics and Breeding

Functional Anatomy and Animal
Performance

Applied Reproductive Physiology

Applied Animal Management

Computer Applications

Animal Behavior

Facilities Planning & Management

Horse Management

Animal Well-Being

Applied Animal Nutrition

Horseback Riding PE classes

Physiology of Reproduction

Exercise Physiology

Companion Animal Management

Foundations of Athletic Training

Small Animal Behavior

Livestock Marketing

Horse Evaluation

Building Structure Design



Animal Sciences at Purdue



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Employment Opportunities

The four year average starting salary of BS graduates is \$30,000 with a 90% placement rate. Starting salary is only one of many ways you benefit from a degree from the Purdue College of Agriculture. While at Purdue many students gain valuable hands-on experience in extracurricular activities and make themselves

marketable to the companion animal industry by seeking valuable summer internships and work experiences. Faculty work hard to assist students in locating industry internships. Students are not only marketable to the companion animal industry, but the broad background in Animal

Sciences allows them to be more broadly employable in other animal-related industries. Students can earn credit or income while at Purdue by working in offices, Animal Sciences farms, assisting with classes, or doing undergraduate research projects.

Animal Biology Specializations

Animal Agribusiness
Animal Production
Animal Products
Animal Biosciences

Pre-Vet Medicine
Biotechnology
Behavior/Well-Being

Companion Animal Staff

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Department of Animal Sciences Vision Statement

The Department of Animal Sciences at Purdue University is the place to go for high-quality employees, animal management and care information, and cutting-edge research results to improve and serve the animal industry.