

“I’m Passionate About Ag”

My name is Mya Verville, and after graduation, I plan to attend the Saskatchewan Polytechnic for the Veterinary Technology program. Although I didn’t grow up on a farm or have livestock of any kind, I am passionate about the animal aspect of agriculture. When I was younger, all I did was beg my parents to let me get a horse, bottle-fed calf, you name it. Of course, when you live in a town, even if it is as small as Creelman, you can’t get any type of animal considered livestock, so we stuck to dogs and cats.

Ever since I was young, I have always known I wanted to work with animals after graduation. When I discovered how long it takes to become a veterinarian and the huge workload they have, I decided that being a vet tech would be a better fit for me. Most people think I’m doing this job just to cuddle the small and cute animals, but what people don’t realize is that I want to help the cows, horses, and all other livestock animals that play a huge role in agriculture. Even though I didn’t grow up around these animals, I have always been more curious about them than any small animal. I find them intriguing, and I want to be able to help the farmers and ranchers in this industry because they contribute so much to everyone living in this province.

Since I’ve made this decision to pursue a career involving large animals, I’ve been asked if I’m sure about my decision, and I’ve always answered yes. Since then, I’ve gone to Stoughton Veterinary Services to volunteer. The time spent around cows and horses there has made me even more excited for my future. I also went out to a local cattle farm to help run chutes, preg-check, and vaccinate the cows. I enjoyed my time volunteering so much, it never felt like work.

Although I did not grow up around these animals, I understand the importance of livestock to everyone in the agriculture industry. These animals are important to the producers because that is their livelihood, and most farmers and ranchers have so much invested in their livestock. There are also not many large animal vet techs, or even vets in this area, and they are hard to find. I know how important it is for producers to keep these animals healthy, and that is why I want to help. I’m excited to work alongside these producers keeping their herds healthy, while also making my own living. Even though this is a very high-demand career and not very high-paying, I am so excited for my future and what challenges it may bring. I’m excited for new experiences and a job that doesn’t even feel like a job. Most of all, I am excited to see what kind of impact I will have on this industry.