

## Dear Donor

I am honoured to have been selected for this scholarship and immensely grateful to the Canadian Kennel Club for supporting my studies as a veterinary student through their generous scholarship.

## Who am I?...

I was selected for this award due to my experience in oncology research investigating novel adjuvant chemotherapy drugs for treating canine osteosarcoma, a common, aggressive form of bone cancer in dogs (common in children and teenagers as well) with an often grave prognosis. When I am not studying, I like to spend my time fishing, hiking, and camping. On campus, I am a vice-president of the OVC surgery club, a class representative for the pain management club and a phase 2 course representative for our Principles of Disease and Clinical Medicine courses. I am pursuing veterinary medicine because of the passion for medicine I developed in my teens, and my love for animals since childhood. I had many pets, but my rottweiler Shayla greatly motivated me to pursue vet med.

## My Accomplishments...

During Phase 1, I excelled academically, well beyond my own expectations, and have continued to perform well in Phase 2 of the DVM program. This past summer I had the opportunity to conduct the canine oncology research that earned me this scholarship while building on my previous research experience in studying the neurophysiology of psychiatric diseases using rodent models and studying avian immunology and virology, which have resulted in multiple publications. I am also a volunteer facilitator of compassionate care circles as part of the compassionate resilience project to improve resilience and support for the mental health of researchers and technicians who work with research animals.

## My Aspirations....

Although I still have 2 years of the DVM program left, I have known for quite some time that my goal is to pursue a specialization in veterinary neurology. To this end, I have volunteered as a research assistant with the neurology service at OVC and completed a Master of Science in molecular neurobiology prior to starting the DVM program. Although I am also interested in other areas of veterinary medicine, such as anesthesia, surgery, oncology and pathology, neurology has always been a strong passion of mine. Being able to restore a dog's ability to walk again, relieve animals of neuropathic pain, and medically manage seizures are life-changing improvements to an animal's quality of life and provides great relief to concerned owners.

Kind regards,

Myles St-Denis, Phase 2



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