

Conservation Internship

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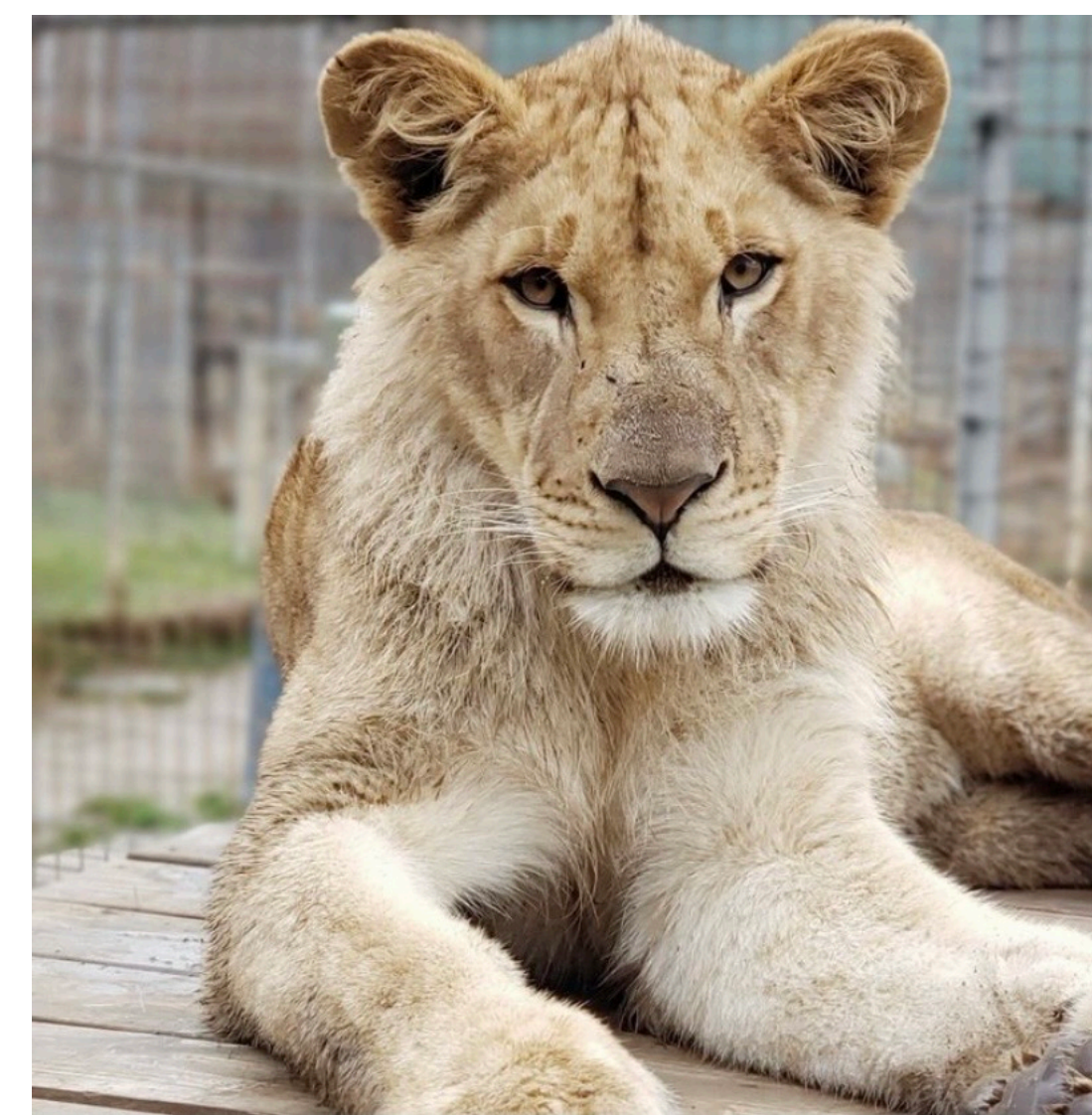
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Locating the Internship

I reached out to my advisor Jen Hamel to help me find an internship near Elon for this semester. She directed me towards the Animal Park at the Conservator's Center where I interviewed with the head keeper who gave me the position.

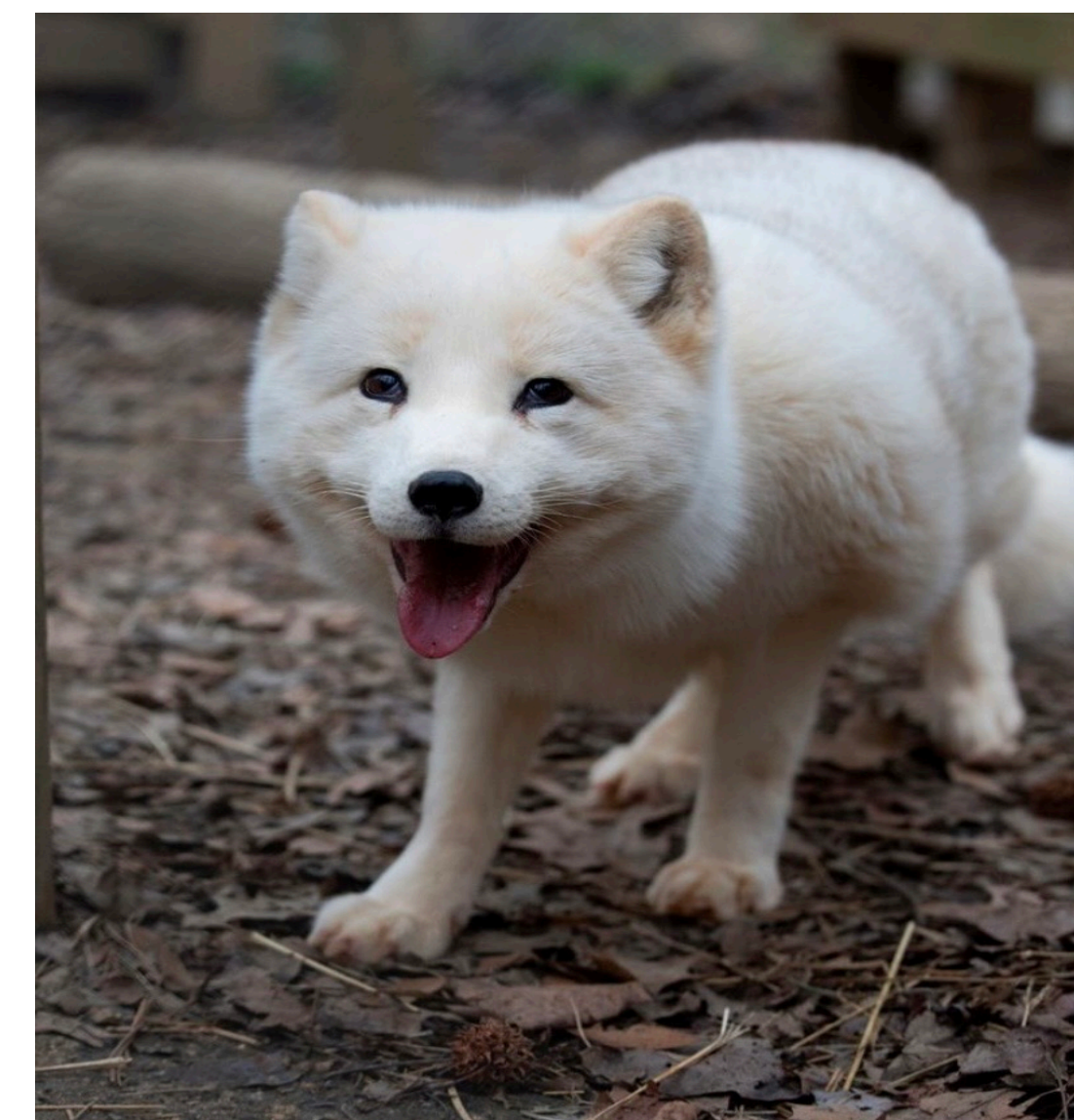
Daily Activities

- Vitamin/diet preparation
- Daily observation and reporting of animal behaviors
- Feeding larger animals (with assistance) and smaller animals (without assistance)
- Maintenance of exhibits and animal areas (with supervision in most areas)
- Learning about capture and restraint
- Assist in all daily cleaning needs



Objectives

- Learn and understand the nutrition of different animal species
- Understand different animal behaviors between the same and different species
- Further my knowledge and skills in animal care



Information Learned

I learned a lot about the daily nutrition and prevention vitamins for various species of animals. Animals of all sizes and ages need to consume different amounts of diets and vitamins. I also learned about the behaviors different species exhibit and especially when dealing with animals on my own, how to observe those behaviors and understand how to then approach the animals. Lastly, I understand many of the basic skills in animal husbandry and the proper care these animals need.

Reflection

I was able to not only learn about animal husbandry but was able to perform these duties on the animals in the park. This opportunity allowed me to further my knowledge and skills by working first-hand with animals. This has furthered my passion for animal science and pointed me in the Veterinary direction career wise as I want to not only know how to care for animals but treat them as well.