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What Drives You?

Animals! The animals who are abused, abandoned, diseased, or sick. The animals have things going on with them; the animals that don't have a voice to tell people what's wrong. This is what drives me! I want to be able to care for and help every animal that I can.

I have wanted to be a veterinarian, for as long as I can remember. Growing up, it started with me being obsessed with animals and I was intrigued by them. I would bring injured animals' home and would try to make them feel better with bandaids and food. I would then try to convince my parents to let me keep it, which rarely worked.

I am a volunteer at Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter. While there, I've seen many animals that are extremely aggressive and who have been abandoned by their owners. It's so sad.

During my junior year of high school, I took courses in Animal Science and Veterinary Science at Billings Career Center. In those classes, I learned the anatomy of different animals

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how to administer medications and vaccines. I also learned different body systems of dogs, cats, sheep, cows, horses, and many other animals.

As I have gotten older, I have seen so many damaged animals that it set a fire within me! So, I applied to Lockwood Veterinary Services and got the job. Over time, working with all kinds of animals there and seeing the situations that they came from, made even more of an impact on me. I see the process and the aftermath of these situations, for example, I've seen animals that are very aggressive because they've been abused. I've seen animals, mostly dogs, getting into fights with porcupines and they lose. I have witnessed countless dogs and cats who have different diseases and incurable cancers. They are helpless and they suffer greatly! I have witnessed too many animals being euthanized because no one wanted to take care of them or get them the medical care they needed. Experiencing this kind of thing is hard to watch. These animals aren't like humans. Remember, they cannot tell us what is wrong with them. Veterinarians must go through the process of elimination when trying to diagnose. Vet School requires much more schooling than that of human study because of that fact.

I am serious about getting into Vet School and becoming a veterinarian. I desperately want to help all these innocent animals, and I want to be able to diagnose all their conditions. I want to be able to recognize the patterns of untreatable cancers, and diseases. These animals drive me and inspire me to work harder every day, and I AM a hard worker! I will do everything in my power to help cure and treat the creatures in need. I will make a difference!