

Hello All!

This week we got to hear from Dr. Tracy Paukette, the summary is at the end! As usual, there are great opportunities below!

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Crashes Landing Cat Sanctuary

- Help take care of cats from feeding to cleaning
- Crashes landing has over 50 cats to take care of
- They are flexible for volunteer shifts
- For more information visit their website [here](#)
- If you're interested in volunteering email volunteer@crasheslanding.org

West Michigan Humane Society

- Many different volunteer opportunities
- In Grand Rapids
- For more information visit their website [here](#)

[Upcoming events](#)

APVMA National Symposium - March 24th - 25th 2023

- Hosted by Ross University
- In Louisville, Kentucky at Galt House Hotel
- Interactive labs, learn from DVMs, meet with exhibitors, and prepare for what is to come in veterinary school
- Pricing is about \$160 for 4 people per room or \$244 for two people per room.
- If you are interested please fill out this google form [here](#) or contact the club. If cost is an issue please reach out!

MSU DVM Info Sessions

- Sessions on Feb. 17th 2023, May 19th 2023, June 16th 2023
- Registration open 60 days before each session
- Visit [this link](#) for more information

[Employment opportunities](#)

Eastown Veterinary Clinic - Veterinary assistant

- Currently hiring veterinary assistants
- In East Grand Rapids
- For more information visit their website [here](#)
- Or submit your resume to info@eastownvet.com

Drenthe - Large/Farm animal caretaker

- They are looking to hire morning help
- Monday - Friday 6AM - approx. 9AM
- Experience preferred, but training is available
- Job includes: feeding, cleaning stall, sweeping, etc
- If interested please call Sandy Boersen: 616-836-0092
- (let them know Brandi sent you!)

Michigan Humane Summer internship

- Allows for many veterinary medical experiences
- At Rochester Hills, Westland, and Detroit locations
- For more information visit [this link](#)

[Other Announcements](#)

GVSU Pre-Veterinary Club is making a team to participate in GVSU's Mental Health Awareness Initiative (MHAI) Canned Food Drive.

Bring cans to weekly Pre-Vet club meetings, all cans will be collected February 27th, 2023.

The club member that brings in the most cans will win a **free suture kit** to keep!

Graduating Seniors!

Fill out this google form below if you would like to be honored at the student life awards on April 16th! Click [here](#)

[Meeting Summary \(1/25\)](#)

This week, we heard from Dr. Tracy Paukette, a DVM from the reactive referral center. We heard from her in the fall but as a refresher, Dr. P works with reactive animals and provides general practice care. She was able to provide information on different types of reactive behaviors such as learned helplessness. We also learned displacement behaviors to understand how dogs react while under stress by displaying behaviors such as yawning, kissing, rolling over, scratching, shaking, and sniffing. Dr. P recommended recognizing these behaviors at the clinic and pointing them out to the client to provide better care for the patient. She also gave tips for the environment to limit stress such as using cleaning products with low odor, pheromones, removing animal wall art, and limiting noise. Exam room tips were also discussed such as limiting restraints and giving high rewards such as whipped cream. Our next meeting is next week, (2/15) at 8pm in KHS 1101.

Hope to see you there!