

Veterinary Industry Training

For participants pursuing degrees in the veterinary fields, internships at ranches, farms or veterinary offices can provide valuable professional experience while offering insight into American veterinary practices. You will learn about cultural differences in treatment while advancing your professional network and career options for when you return to your home country.

Due to variable training environments and inherent responsibilities with internships in the veterinary industry, CIEE would like to share our guidelines with you for acceptable training programs. If you are already a licensed veterinarian, you may be eligible for a J-1 Specialist Visa. Please reach out to CIEE if that is the case for more information.

Please see below CIEE's specific guidelines and requirements for veterinary industry training programs.

TRAINING PLAN GUIDELINES

Veterinary trainings including Ranches and Farms (horse, livestock, pack animal, produce, and dairy)

Veterinary Industry training tasks that **CIEE can accept**:

- o Observe animal care and medical treatment of animals, including husbandry and medical procedures.
- o Observe business operations (cannot complete administrative work).

Veterinary Industry training tasks that **CIEE limits to no more than 10% of a phase***:

- o Assist with minor animal activities (animal exercise, training, grooming, feeding)

*Note: The above tasks are only permitted when they are essential to understanding higher level skills and tasks later in the training and only when under constant supervision of a qualified employee.

Veterinary Industry training tasks that **CIEE cannot accept**:

- o Animal care or medical treatment of animals (including de-worming, vaccination, and trimming hooves)
- o Animal husbandry (including prenatal care, birthing and breeding)
- o Milking animals
- o Administration of medications or medical procedures
- o Conducting physical and therapeutic intervention
- o Restraining or monitoring animals
- o Any activities in which Interns/Trainees may find themselves in situations where they must deliver clinical and/or therapeutic services or perform unskilled labor

Overall, any training in the fields of veterinary care must be observation-based. The Intern/Trainee should not be responsible for the care and health of any animals.

If the Host Organization would like to move forward with training after agreeing to the limitations, CIEE may ask the Host Organization supervisor to sign a waiver indicating the Host Organization's understanding of program regulations before CIEE can approve the application.