

Amber Barnes, MSc

All animals deserve moral consideration. This foundational belief has driven and continues to drive every aspect of the work I have done. I have over 13 years of combined experience in the field of animal welfare, ethics, and advocacy with an academic and professional background in assessing welfare, compiling and reviewing research, writing articles and papers on ethical and welfare-related issues, assisting on developing strategic plans for campaigns, researching organizations and their welfare practices for foundations, developing enrichment and husbandry protocols, inspecting sanctuaries, and consulting on various animal welfare related projects. Further experience includes field rescues and research, shelter management and investigations, preparing written testimony for animal-related legislation and videography/photography and social media services. This experience covers a variety of species including equine, farm, companion and captive and free-ranging animals.

*It is my intention to utilize my skills and knowledge base to **make a difference in the lives of animals.***

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Animal Welfare Consultant

GOOD NATURE CONSULTING • 2013 - PRESENT

Projects include:

- ▶ developing a welfare assessment app for large equine rescues and studying the inter-observer reliability of chosen welfare measures;
- ▶ researching various organizations and their welfare and financial practices for the **Wagmore Foundation**;
- ▶ collecting information and evidence of farm animal abuse as an undercover investigator;
- ▶ assisting individual animal sanctuaries and rescues with the accreditation process of the **Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries** and performing site visits and preparing reports;
- ▶ researching animal welfare topics in genetic engineering and authoring an article for the **American Anti-Vivisection Society**;
- ▶ providing **scientific testimony** against the private ownership of exotic pets;
- ▶ compiling research for street dog vaccination and sterilization programs;
- ▶ building a database on captive wild animal welfare issues.

Lead Farm Animal Caretaker and Advocate, Project Consultant

PASADO'S SAFE HAVEN • 2011 - 2012

Community Educator, Admissions and Adoptions Counselor, Surgery Assistant

COWLEY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY/KANSAS HUMANE SOCIETY • 2009 - 2011

Head Hoofstock Caretaker and Wildlife Care Manager

TANGANYIKA WILDLIFE/EXPLORATION PLACE • 2006 - 2008

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EDUCATION

MSc International Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

BA Equality Studies (concentration in human-animal studies)

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

Zoonosis, Preparedness and Public Health Course

UNIVERSITY OF ALBANY

Exotic Avian Diseases, Foreign Animal Disease Detection, Livestock in Disaster, County Animal Response Team, Animals in Disaster-Community Planning & Emergency Animal Sheltering

NATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE CORP

Core emergency management courses: IS 100, IS 200, IS 700

FEMA

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- ▶ **Fundraising and Community Advocate** • *Queers and Allies (student group)*
- ▶ **Founder and Community Action Coordinator** • *Equality in Action (student group)*
- ▶ **Foster Parent** • *Kansas Humane Society, Maryland SPCA*
- ▶ **Meal Delivery Driver** • *Meals on Wheels*
- ▶ **Food Pantry Assistant** • *Positive Directions*
- ▶ **Emergency Room Front Desk Assistant** • *Lawrence Memorial Hospital*

REFERENCES

Patty Finch

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- ▶ Previously Director of Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries
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