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Dear Educator,

I am writing to make you aware of an exciting free program that is available to your students. The Anti-Cruelty Society in partnership with The University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine offers an exciting program for high school students with a serious interest in veterinary medicine.

The field of veterinary medicine is extremely competitive; our goal is to help students interested in this field to achieve their dream. "The Veterinary Mentoring Program" is an academic program that introduces students to the many areas of science that they will encounter in veterinary school. Students attend seminars one Saturday a month at which they explore various topics and learn how clinical science is used in the diagnosis and treatment of disease in animals. They also become exposed to what college level course work will be like. A veterinarian from the University of Illinois conducts the seminars and includes tips for admissions into veterinary school. This year's topics included "Veterinary Virology", "Veterinary Gastrointestinal Anatomy", "Geriatric Medicine" and more. Students also go on a field trip to the Veterinary School open house in Urbana.

We are beginning to recruit students for next years' program. The program runs from September 2012 through April 2013. Students must meet the following qualifications

- They must be enrolled in the 10th through 12th grade during the 2012/2013 academic year. (We do not accept freshmen).
- They must have completed at least one biology course.
- They must have a proven aptitude for science.
- Students must have at least a 3.00 overall grade point average verified by a teacher or guidance counselor(or equivalent if using a different grading scale.)
- They must have a serious interest in pursuing a career in veterinary medicine.
- They must be able to attend a seminar one Saturday per month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m. At The Anti-Cruelty Society in downtown Chicago. The sessions are usually held on the third Saturday of the month.

If you have students that meet these qualifications and that you feel would be interested in this program please give them a copy of this letter and the enclosed application. The application deadline is June 30th 2012. Please remember due to the high academic level of the program it is not suitable for students that simply like animals. If they do not have the scientific aptitude they will soon become frustrated with the course. It is also not a community service program or an internship program. Students do not receive monetary compensation. This program is intended for motivated students that are willing to take the initiative to prepare for the rigors of the study of veterinary medicine. Due to the growing popularity of this program we will limit enrollment. Applicants will be selected based on their qualifications. Priority will be given to Seniors graduating in 2013. Applicants that have been accepted to the program will be notified by mail after the June 1st deadline. If you have any questions please call Tammie Bouschor at (312) 644-8338 ext. 344. or e-mail tbouschor@anticruelty.org. I hope that you will encourage your students to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Sincerely,

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