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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am an enthusiastic and hard-working individual with a friendly personality and the ability to work as part of a team. I have excellent verbal and written communication skills and am bilingual in French and English. I have gained knowledge of the natural world, zoology, animal husbandry and wild animal health, welfare, and conservation, through academic studies and voluntary work all over the world. In the last few years, I have also gained experience in wildlife filmmaking and completed my very first wildlife documentary on the deer of Richmond Park, which can be found on my website at <http://www.camillemunday.com/>. Lastly, I have just completed an **Msc in Wild Animal Biology** with the Royal Veterinary College and ZSL and was proud to be asked to write a short blog for the ZSL website, see <https://www.zsl.org/blogs/science/finding-your-wings-with-the-msc-wild-animal-biology>. To conclude, I am an animal lover with a passion for wildlife conservation and welfare, looking to pursue a lifelong career dedicated to conservation and animal health.

CORE QUALIFICATIONS

- Passion for wildlife health, welfare, conservation, and filmmaking.
- A range of versatile camera skills with experience of shooting in 4K.
- Knowledge and understanding of photographic techniques.
- Strong research, planning and organisational skills.
- Great observation skills.
- Knowledge and experience of zoo-based research.
- Good knowledge of animal handling and care techniques.
- Critical understanding of animal behaviour.
- Patient and perseverant.
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written (bilingual in French and English).
- Computer-Literate (MS Office, Outlook and Excell as well as Adobe Premiere and Photoshop).
- Experience in outreach and public engagement.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Royal Veterinary College University of London (RVC) and ZSL (Zoological Society of London): 2020 – 2021
MSc in Wild Animal Biology – Graduated (Merit)

University of Leeds: 2011 – 2014
Bachelor of Science in Zoology – Graduated (2:1)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Small Mammals Keeper Volunteer, January 18th 2020 – Present
ZSL London Zoo – London

- I help with the day-to-day care of a variety of Madagascan and South American species of small mammal, primate, bird, and reptile.
- I help provide stimulating environments for these animals so that they are able to perform their species-typical behaviours.
- I observe the behaviour, health and security of animals and report any problems.
- I ensure the conditions for the animals are of the highest standards and report any problems (i.e. defects or repairs required to enclosures).
- I assist with the preparation of approved diets and carry out the correct feeding procedures.
- I clean and maintain exhibits and help design enrichment devices.
- I observe and sometimes participate in animal training exercises.
- I ensure the safety and emergency procedures are always followed.
- I maintain courteous and helpful relations with visitors

Herpetology Keeper MSc Rotation, August 16th & September 11th 2021
ZSL London Zoo – London

- I helped with the day-to-day care of a variety of species of reptile (many category 1 animals).
- I took part in an antivenom drill.

Wildlife Aid Foundation MSc Rotation, July 13th – 18th 2021

Leatherhead – Surrey

- I helped with the day-to-day care (i.e. cleaning and feeding) of sick, injured, and orphaned British wild animals.
- I helped set up new pens and cages for new admissions.
- I helped restock food supplies for all areas of the hospital and advised of any shortages.
- I helped move animals from one area to another as they progressed with their rehabilitation.
- I helped veterinary staff with jobs (i.e. helping with the gavage feeding of sick birds and holding birds when they needed treatment).

Evidence-Based Care MSc Rotation, July 5th – 9th 2021

ZSL London Zoo – London

- I covered aspects of exotic animal research, nutrition, welfare, and behaviour management.
- I observed Jim Mackie perform training exercises for a variety of animals including primates, birds, giraffe, tigers and African wild dogs.
- I carried out behavioural observations and collected relevant data on other topics to inform best practice. This included recording data, compiling relevant reports, and disseminating through appropriate channels.

Elephants Keeper MSc Rotation, June 28th – 30th 2021

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo – Whipsnade

Veterinary work experience, July 6th – 20th 2020

Vets4Pets – Basildon Pitsea

- Assisted with vet procedures (e.g. surgeries and dental procedures) alongside Laura Canela Gavin and helped to examine animals to diagnose medical conditions.
- Assisted to test for common diseases.
- Developed the ability to cope with animal euthanasia, cruelty, and neglect.

Visitor Engagement Volunteer, April 20th 2019 – January 11th 2020

ZSL London Zoo – London

- I engaged with visitors within and around enclosures to help inspire them through amazing experiences with wild animals, informed them about the challenges facing wildlife and the ways they can address these and lastly, empowered them by giving them methods, evidence, tools, and skills to enable people and wildlife to thrive together.

Members Club Assistant Manager, August 22nd 2017 – September 5th 2020

The Lounge, Twickenham Studios – St Margarets

- I oversaw the day-to-day operations of the team and was responsible for distributing the workload evenly among staff and making sure motivation and performance levels were maintained.
- I developed great communication and listening skills as well as the ability to understand different kinds of people with great sensitivity to the needs of others.
- I developed the ability to deal with stressful, high-pressure situations in a calm and positive manner.
- I developed the ability to accurately manage detailed records, emails, telephone calls.
- I developed clear and confident communication skills when responding to telephones and in-person requests.
- Developed excellent IT skills (MS Office, Outlook and Excell as well as Adobe Premier and Photoshop).
- I demonstrated knowledge of company's mission and goals and the ability to help employees successfully achieve them.

Production assistant for a short film produced by the charity “*The Friends of Richmond Park*”, Sunday 24th August

Richmond Park - London

- Assisted for half a day with a small team to help film interviews for the short film “Richmond Park: Stop the flight paths”

Conference attendee, October 10th – 14th 2016, October 15th – 19th 2018 and October 19th – 23rd 2020

Wildscreen Film Festival – Bristol

- I learnt how to educate the public on issues of conservation and to inspire them to take action at the world's leading international festival which convenes and celebrates the world's best natural world storytellers.

Attended the “*Introduction to Wildlife Film-making*” course, August 4th – 6th 2017

Wildeye – Thetford Forest

- Developed an understanding of the underlying principles of video and still digital photography and acquired hands-on experience of how to operate a digital camera using my Sony A7 III.

- Developed knowledge and understanding of wildlife photography and videography techniques.
- Developed a clear understanding of sound recording techniques, script-writing and narrating.
- Learnt how to set up and use camera traps to capture some very accurate data without disturbing the photographed animal in question, which in this case was the barn-owl.

Runner Work Experience, May 2017

Atlantic Productions – Hammersmith

- Helped research and develop one of their VR factual programs.

Runner Work Experience, March 2017

Love Productions – Holborn

- Helped research and develop new program ideas for reality competition game shows.

Volunteer at the Jaguar Rescue Centre, April 1st – April 28th, 2017

Puerto Viejo – Costa Rica

- I assisted in the rehabilitation of injured, sick, and orphaned animals including a variety of species of sloth, monkey, reptile, bird, amphibian, and small mammal, and assisted with the release of those who were restored to good health back to their natural habitat.
- Through educational outreach, I helped the JRC provide environmental awareness, promote a harmonious relationship with wildlife and encourage the Puerto Viejo community to protect their delicate ecosystems.

Restaurant & Bar Supervisor, December 4th 2015 – August 20th 2017

The Botanist – Kew

- Worked full time to support all of my wildlife voluntary experiences abroad.

Zookeeper Assistant Volunteer & Zoo Docent, January 26th – June 29th 2015

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary – Brisbane, Australia

- I helped with the day-to-day care and welfare for over 100 koalas (*Phascolarctos cinereus*), and 70 species of other Australian native animals and was also dedicated to teaching schoolchildren and the general public about wildlife, ecosystems, and conservation.

Veterinary work experience, October 20th – November 3rd 2014

The Vet on Richmond Hill – Richmond

Participated in the Shamwari Conservation Experience, August 5th – 19th 2013

Shamwari Game Reserve – Eastern Cape, South Africa

Volunteer Zookeeper for Native species, June 2nd – July 20th 2013

Parc Animalier des Pyrénées – France

- I helped with the day-to-day care for a variety of species native to France and was also responsible for engaging visitors at key exhibits, answering a range of questions, in both French and English, and providing them with a detailed history.

LANGUAGES

Bilingual in French and English.

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

I enjoy horse riding and skiing. I'm not shy of the stage and enjoy singing and playing the guitar. Whenever I can, I like to photograph and film wildlife and have recently put together my own and very first documentary on the conservation of deer in Richmond Park. My other hobbies include travelling, reading and being active.