

COVER LETTER OR LETTER OF APPLICATION

10 High Street
Newtown
N99 9AZ
28th February

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you to express interest in the voluntary work placement at your animal sanctuary which I saw advertised on your website.

I am eighteen years old and in my final year at secondary school, due to sit my A levels next summer. I am planning on taking a degree in veterinary science at university and have received two conditional offers. As you will see from my CV, I have always shown an interest in working with animals and have relevant experience from voluntary work which I carried out at a local dogs' home. In this position I had sole responsibility for taking care of some dogs' daily needs, such as feeding, cleaning and exercise. In addition to this, I regularly spend time on my uncle's farm throughout the year and usually help him take care of the animals. This hands-on experience has reinforced my decision to seek a career working with animals. Both the dogs' home and my uncle would be willing to provide references.

I am hard-working, punctual and willing to help out with any kind of job at the sanctuary. My decision to undertake a degree in veterinary science confirms my interest in and commitment to the field. I am certain that experience working at your animal sanctuary will provide an invaluable insight into working with animals and a unique opportunity to acquire a range of skills and expertise.

I hope I have shown that I am an ideal candidate for this position and please find attached my CV.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

E. Jones

Emily Jones

Top Tips for writing

1. Begin and end the letter appropriately.
 - Beginning: Dear Sir or Madam with no name – Closing: Yours faithfully
 - Beginning: Dear Mr / Mrs / Ms + surname – Closing: Yours sincerely
2. Give a clear reason for writing.
 - I am writing with regard to ... / to enquire about ... / to apply for ... / to express interest in ...
3. Use linking words to join similar ideas into paragraphs.
4. Include a summary comment near the end of your letter.
 - I hope you will find this information useful.
 - I would be very grateful for your assistance in this matter.
5. Close your letter with a set phrase.
 - I look forward to hearing from you.

1. Check your understanding: true, false or not given

Read the sentences and answer 'true' if the information can be found in the text, 'false' if the information says the opposite to the text or 'not given' if the information cannot be found in the text.

1. Emily was told about the work placement by a friend.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Not given
2. Emily will study veterinary science at university if she passes all her A levels.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Not given
3. Emily has worked mainly with wild animals.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Not given
4. Emily has worked on her uncle's farm at different times of the year.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Not given
5. Students who apply to veterinary science at university are expected to do work experience before starting the course.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Not given
6. Emily is clear about the type of career she wants to have.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Not given