

### Don't Miss the Deadline!

The application deadline for the [HSVMA Compassionate Care Scholarship](#) is **May 31, 2018** so mark it on your calendar! Current first-, second-, and third-year veterinary students attending a US or Canadian school are eligible (Ross and St. George's included!) for \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,500 scholarships. Along with the general application, students must also submit a transcript, two letters of recommendation (one must be from a veterinary school clinician or professor), demonstrated interest and activity in animal welfare, and a statement of intent. Read about [last year's winners](#) on our website. Please direct any questions to [students@hsvma.org](mailto:students@hsvma.org) and good luck to all applicants! Apply [here](#)!



2017's second place winner, Shakera Fudge

Photo credit: Shakera Fudge

### Summer Stories

We want to hear about all the exciting activities you are participating in over the summer break! Traveling overseas to help an international sanctuary or animal welfare organization? Spending your time bringing veterinary services to remote areas? Volunteering with a local rescue or shelter? This is a great opportunity to let other students know about the amazing opportunities that are out there. We offer a \$100 stipend for a short article (with pictures!) written by you about your experience. It will be included in our fall student e-newsletter and posted on our website. You can read past student articles [here](#). Please contact Heather Schrader at [hshrader@hsvma.org](mailto:hshrader@hsvma.org) if you would like to submit an article. Have a terrific summer!

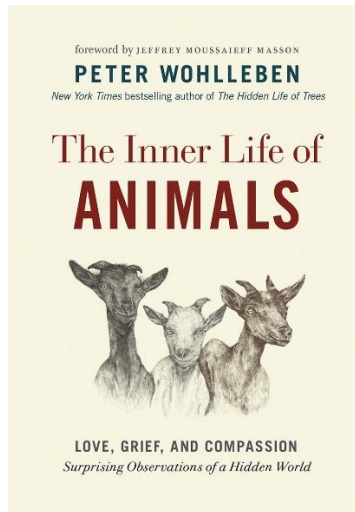


Veterinary student externs at Cleveland Armory Black Beauty Ranch

Photo credit: Dickie Vest

### **Summer Viewing and Reading**

Whether you have the whole summer to relax and unwind or just a few days rest before the next big adventure, here are a few suggestions to help you pass the time. The movie, [Megan Leavey](#), is based on a true story about a U.S. Marine Corporal assigned to help train an undisciplined military dog named Rex. Rex and Megan form a strong bond and end up completing over 100 missions in Iraq in addition to saving many lives. After both were injured in an IED explosion, Megan was sent home and fought to have Rex brought to the US so he could live out his retirement in comfort. Senator Chuck Schumer of New York State, who helped Leavey bring Rex to the US, later went on to push for legislation to ensure that military handlers are made aware of their dog's retirement so they can initiate adoption and bring them to the US. President Barack Obama signed this bill into [law](#) in 2015. *Megan Leavey* is available on Netflix and Amazon Prime. If reading is more your thing, check out the book, [The Inner Life of Animals: Love, Grief, and Compassion-Surprising Observations of a Hidden World](#), by Peter Wohlleben. The author combines recent scientific research with his own personal experiences to tell the stories of creatures who display intelligence and emotion, much like us. This book will make you see the actions of animals you may see every day in a different light. Read more about these recommendations and others to keep you busy this summer on the HSVMA Recommended Reading and Viewing [page](#).



### Vet School Survey

HSVMA is kicking off a series of informal surveys to find out more about what veterinary schools are offering in their curriculum and programs as it pertains to the animal welfare and access to veterinary care. We are asking veterinary students to complete the first survey about the kinds of spay/neuter services offered to shelter/rescue animals, community/feral cats, and low-income clients. As a thank you for participating, you have the option to be entered into a raffle for a HSVMA scrub top and a hard copy of [Wildlife Care Basics for Veterinary Hospitals](#). Please take a few minutes to complete the [survey](#) and let us know about your curriculum! Thank you!!



*Veterinary students at Tuskegee University prepping for surgery at World Spay Day 2018*

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