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Origin of Interest:

My constant curiosity about animal biology guided me to pursue veterinary medicine, and later, to expand my interests in the field of animal welfare. Since the moment I was introduced to the dairy industry I was immediately drawn to dairy cows and the people involved in this industry. As a veterinary practitioner, I was involved in disease prevention and treatment, but after immigrating to Canada I dived into research in the much-needed field of animal welfare.

Background:

As a veterinarian, I have several years of experience in dairy herd health management, improving dairy management practices by creating protocols for various stages of the production process. Working as a consultant in the animal disease field, I was involved in improving the disease surveillance network, actively participated in policy drafting, and prepared on-farm and in-slaughterhouse surveillance protocols. My MSc research at UBC focused on assessing visceral pain in dairy cattle diagnosed with an infection of the uterus.

Educational and Career Aspirations:

For my PhD, I worked closely with dairy veterinarians and producers studying the benefits of alternative (floatation) treatment for downer cows - treatment that significantly increases recovery. Currently, I am involved in gathering information about the management and transport of cull dairy cows in British Columbia involving producers, livestock markets and slaughterhouses in BC, AB and USA. After graduation, my goal is to find a challenging position where I can employ my veterinary knowledge, research experience and my network to assist the dairy industry in achieving high standards in animal management and food production.

DIREC Mission Statement:

The BC Dairy Association actively funds research and education projects. Our objective is to facilitate, encourage and financially support projects and programs that have been identified by the BCDA to benefit the BC dairy industry.

