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Name: Blossom de Bruin
School/Program: Western College of Veterinary Medicine/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
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Origin of Interest:

I started working on a small family dairy farm in Abbotsford, BC following high school graduation and almost immediately fell in love with the dairy industry. I worked on a variety of dairy farms in the Fraser Valley through the 7 years that followed, including during my undergraduate degree which prepared me for entry into vet school. I love the fact that there is always more to learn about dairy farming and that ensuring maximum productivity along with great cow welfare is a multi-faceted task, requiring teamwork, knowledge, and a genuine love for cows.

Background:

I completed a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of the Fraser Valley, graduating in 2018. During my degree, I worked full-time on dairy farms both to continue learning about the industry and to fund my tuition. As a part of my degree, I was able to take classes on dairy cow health from a veterinarian for an agriculture elective, and to research and write an extensive literature review in my final year on emerging antimicrobial resistance in the dairy industry. I also got the opportunity to learn from dairy veterinarians while shadowing them.

Educational and Career Aspirations:

Following my DVM graduation in 2022, I hope to return to my home province of BC and work as a dairy veterinarian in the Fraser Valley. To learn even more about how to be the best dairy vet that I can be in the future, I am hoping to attend the Summer Dairy Institute at Cornell prior to graduation. My particular interests with regards to dairy veterinary medicine revolve around the reproduction aspects of herd health (maximizing reproductive efficiency), as well as monitoring the health of fresh cows post-calving and facilitating a smoother transition period. I look forward to working with dairy farmers to achieve these goals in their herds in the future!

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.

