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School/Program: UBC/Animal Welfare Program

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Origin of Interest:

Animals have been part of my life growing up. I have always enjoyed working with them and having them around. At young age, I realized that the management system of the animals in my community was less than ideal. This also translated in low productivity of animals, which negatively effected the household nutrition. Thus, I decided to learn more about animals and work for improving their living conditions.

Background:

I completed my bachelors degree in agriculture majoring in animal science in Kabul University, Afghanistan in 2009. Based on my interest and experience of working with animals and good performance in the degree program, I received a fully funded scholarship to Purdue University in USA, where I successfully completed MSc in dairy nutrition in 2014. After, I went to Kabul University in Afghanistan and acquired a teaching position there. I moved to Canada in 2017 and continued working with animals through the Animal Welfare Program in UBC.

Educational and Career Aspirations:

Living conditions of the animals in my community made the decision to pursue a career in animal science easy for me. Western ways of farming provide excellent living conditions to animals; however, metabolic and infectious ailments including lameness are a huge challenge here. This inspires me to work with these ailments and find ways to prevent them from happening to achieve reduced rates of disease. The constant support and leadership that I receive from my advisors Nina von Keyserlingk and Dan Weary is the key to my success.

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