PhD position available

The long-distance transportation of beef cattle

Funding is available to pay a PhD student stipend over the next few years, beginning as soon as possible. The student will register and be based in the Department of Population Medicine at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. During their PhD training they will acquire expertise in the areas of applied ethology, animal welfare science, and epidemiology.

The emphasis of the funded project involves exploring the impact of long-distance transportation on cattle, with some emphasis on the impacts of unloading the cattle during long journeys, to provide them with feed, water, and rest.

International applicants are welcome to apply. The student will join the vibrant Animal Behaviour & Welfare Group at the University of Guelph, which serves as the hub of the University’s Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare, the largest Centre and academic research group of its kind.

We are seeking hard-working and highly motivated applicants with the following qualifications ● Bachelor’s and MSc (or comparable equivalents) degrees in animal science, animal biology, veterinary medicine, or biology ● An established record of academic excellence ● Avid curiosity ● Interest in using scientific methods to explore their curiosities ● Attention to detail ● The ability to effectively communicate in English, and work well with others – but also to work independently ● A valid driver’s license ● Knowledge and experience in with beef cattle would be an asset.

Please submit the following to Dr. Derek Haley via e-mail (Subject: Cattle transport PhD position) ● A cover letter with a statement of your interest in pursuing graduate studies, in science and research, and discussing your career goals ● Curriculum vitae / resume with a detailed description of research experience and relevant coursework taken ● Copies of academic transcripts (unofficial are fine, initially).

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