

March/April 2013 Volunteer Spotlight: Corey Wrenn

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Corey Wrenn discusses her journey to veganism and why she decided to pursue an internship with VegFund.



I went vegetarian at age 13 after watching a cooking show where the host visited a butcher shop. In seeing this, I suddenly made the connection between “meat” and the persons who died to create it. I vowed to go vegetarian on the spot. In my teens, I read more on Nonhuman Animal rights issues and quickly discerned that veganism was the most appropriate decision if I wanted to seriously respect the interests of other animals. I went vegan on my very first day of college at age 17, when I was able to purchase my own food. I am 29 now, so I have been vegan for about 12 years.

When I started college at Virginia Tech, I immediately joined up with the student Nonhuman Animal rights group and attended some protests and video screenings. The student group eventually fizzled, but when I began graduate school at Virginia Tech, I decided to resurrect the group and soon found myself spending 20+ hours a week organizing events. When I started my doctoral program at Colorado State University, I carried over that student activism and launched another Nonhuman Animal rights student group. After that, I began working with abolitionist grassroots groups online and writing for The Examiner. I also began to incorporate Nonhuman Animal rights theory into my research, publishing several academic articles and framing my dissertation around veganism and activism for other animals.

The VegFund internship position interested me because, while my academic work is hugely fulfilling, I had begun to miss on-the-ground, real-world advocacy. Working with VegFund gives me the chance to apply my years of study and research to tangible projects. I have the awesome opportunity to collaborate with the Nonhuman Animal rights community and put my work into action.

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Dan Brook, Ph.D. says:

March 28, 2013 at 8:20 PM

Thanks Corey, I'm glad you're on our side (and by “our” I mean all living beings)!

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Patrice Waga says:

March 29, 2013 at 3:28 AM

Corey this is wonderful and if you don't mind reaching out to Africa and South Sudan where there is much sensitization to be done.

You can contact me for more information.

Patrice

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**Terry BEar** says:

March 29, 2013 at 5:05 AM

Mahalo Corey for helping to save our world, our selves, and for all those who are to come. We live in the most important time of all on this planet as a species that may, or may not make it. Being Vegan is at the core of our very humanity.

I became Vegan almost 2 years ago. I will state, for me, it seems even more vital than even having had 2 children! Dr. William Tuttle, (World Peace Diet), took me from being Vegan for the health of it, to BEcoming a Compassionate, Passionate, Ethical Vegan.

Corey, there will be no peace on this earth as long as we kill innocent Beings who have no voice, who have no choice. It is THAT IMPORTANT. Not everyone will awaken to such an awesomely, responsible calling. BINGO! YOU'RE IT! WELCOME TO A WORLD WE CAN/MUST CREATE TOGETHER. MUCH MAHALO TO VEG FUND FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT WITH MY ANIMAL/PLANT BASED ACTIVISM, AND ALL THE WONDERFUL WORKS YOU DO.

PEACE, JOY, AND FREEDOM FOR ALL BEINGS EVERYWHERE.

Terry BEar

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**Unkonda Rasheda Sawyer** says:

March 29, 2013 at 6:31 AM

Hi Corey,

It is lovely to read your story. I am glad that you pointed out when "you were able to purchase your own food..." I had several attempts trying to go vegan in my parents household, but it is difficult when you are not the one controlling the food bought or prepared. As an adult I can finally make that decision and have made it. When I visit my parents I realize that we have a huge difference in our food choices.

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**Danelle** says:

April 5, 2013 at 5:33 AM

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