

INSIDE JOB EPISODE 4

[DRAMATIC BED]

ITS AN AGE OLD QUESTION. A QUESTION THAT OUR PREDECESSORS COULD NOT ANSWER. A QUESTION THAT EVERYONE HAS AN OPINION ON. A QUESTION THAT IS ON EVERYONE'S MIND.

[DRAMATIC FLOURISH]

CATS OR DOGS?

[RECORD SCRATCH]

[BOUNCY MUSIC BED]

ABBY: CATS

JACK: I'M DEFINITELY TEAM DOGS

CONNOR: I AM TEAM CATS

HALEY: DOGS DUH

ABBY: WELL I REALLY LIKE CATS BECAUSE THEY ARE INDEPENDENT. WELL I KNOW DOGS ARE INDEPENDENT TOO BUT CATS YOU JUST DON'T NEED TO TAKE THEM OUT FOR WALKS THEY CAN BE LITTER BOX TRAINED AND ITS JUST SO EASY AND THEY'RE SWEET AND THEY CAN CURL UP WITH YOU INSTEAD OF WALKING YOU WITH THEIR TAIL

JACK: BACK WHEN I USED TO LIVE IN TEXAS I FOSTERED DOGS SO I'VE HAD LIKE I DON'T KNOW FIFTEEN TWENTY DIFFERENT DOGS. I MEAN I LIKE CATS BUT I'M ALLERGIC TO THEM SO THAT'S MY TEAM DOG.

CONNOR: I'M DEFINITELY MORE OF A CAT PERSON JUST BECAUSE I THINK THEY'RE MORE MANAGEABLE AND SMALLER THAN MOST DOGS ARE. I ALSO

LIKE CATS BECAUSE THEY ARE A LOT MORE SELF SUFFICIENT COMPARED TO DOGS, YOU DON'T HAVE TO LET THEM OUT. THEY GO TO THEIR OWN LITTER BOX. THEY'RE JUST A LOT EASIER TO TAKE CARE OFF THAN DOGS.

HALEY: I ALWAYS SAY THAT THE OWNER CHOOSES THE DOG BUT THE CAT CHOOSES THEIR OWNER AND LITERALLY CATS NEVER LIKED ANYBODY ALL THEY DO IS JUST LAY AROUND AND NAP ALL DAY AND THEN EAT YOUR FOOD IT'S AWFUL THAT DOGS LIKE WILL ACTUALLY CARE ABOUT YOU AND WILL PLAY WITH YOU AND BE NICE AND THEY'RE REALLY GOOD AT SNUGGLES.

CHRIS: I REALLY LIKE DOGS BUT SOMETIMES YOU'LL GET A CHILKAT THAT'S LIKE SUPER FLUFFY AND THEY JUST WANT TO SIT WITH YOU.

MACIE: I DON'T PREFER DOGS OVER CATS OR DOGS OVER CATS BOTH OF THEM HAVE THEIR DIFFERENT REASONS ON WHY THEY'RE GOOD DOGS FOR ONE HAVE A BETTER COMPANIONSHIP THEY ARE MORE EMOTIONALLY ATTACHED TO HUMANS AND THEY'RE EASILY TRAINABLE CATS THEY'RE I THINK THEY'RE VERY LOVING AND THEY ARE CUTE AND THEY'RE FUNNY AND DIFFERENT REASONS THAN I LIKE DOGS BUT CAN'T LIKE THE SIDE ONE OVER THE OTHER.

[MUSIC BED OUTRO]

[MUSIC BED INTRO]

INTRO: YOU'RE LISTENING TO 91.3 WHJE COMING UP AS AN EPISODE OF INSIDE JOB A PODCAST THAT GIVES YOU AN INSIDE LOOK ON INTERESTING AND OUT OF THE BOX JOBS STAY TUNED ON THE EDGE.

[MUSIC BED INTRO]

JAISHNA: TODAY WE ARE TALKING TO KRISTINE TOWNS A VETERINARIAN THAT DEALS WITH CATS, DOGS AND A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT ANIMALS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. DOCTOR TOWNS GAVE ME A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVIEW HER WHILE OVERWATCHING HER COWORKERS PERFORM MINOR SURGERY ON A DOG.

KRISTINE: MY NAME IS DOCTOR KRISTINE TOWNS I WORK AT THE VCA WEST 86TH STREET ANIMAL HOSPITAL. GOODNESS I HAVE BEEN AN EMPLOYEE FOR VCA FOR APPROXIMATELY 7 YEARS I HAVE WORKED AT THE SPECIFIC HOSPITAL FOR ROUGHLY FIVE YEARS BUT I BECAME FULL-TIME 3 YEARS AGO MY DUTIES CONSIST OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES EVALUATING RADIOGRAPHS ALSO BEING AN ANESTHETIC MONITORING PERSON I DESIGN AN ACIDIC PROTOCOLS WE DO JUST GENERAL MEDICINE WE DO INTERNAL MEDICINE DENTISTRY DERMATOLOGY COVER AND BEHAVIOR I DO A LOT OF BEHAVIOR APPOINTMENTS AS WELL

JAISHNA: WHEN DID YOU DECIDE YOU WANTED TO WORK WITH ANIMALS?  
KINDERGARTEN I JUST LIKE ANIMALS IN THE THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO DO FOR A LIVING

JAISHNA: WHAT ARE SOME OBSTACLES YOU'VE HAD TO OVERCOME WITH THIS JOB?

TIME MANAGEMENT AND SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY THIS JOB TAKES UP A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND TIME TO SPEND WITH YOUR FAMILY OFTEN I HAVE TO GO HOME FEED MY CHILDREN PUT THEM

TO BED AND COME BACK TO THE OFFICE AND WRITE CHARTS UNTIL 10 OR 11 AT NIGHT

JAISHNA: WHAT'S SOME ADVICE YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE FOR OTHER ASPIRING VETERINARIANS OUT THERE?

WITH ANIMALS SPECIFICALLY LIKE FOR EXAMPLE IF STUDENTS WANT TO PURSUE AN EDUCATION WITH VETERINARIAN OR SENIOR VETERINARY TECHNICIAN SUCH AS MY ASSISTANT HERE I WOULD GUARD THEM TO EVALUATE VERY HEAVILY THE STUDENT DEBT RATIO VERSUS INCOME THAT THEY WOULD HAVE ON GRADUATING OFTEN FOR BOTH VETERINARIANS AND VETERINARY TECHNICIANS OF THE AMOUNT OF DEBT THAT'S ACCUMULATED FOR THE EDUCATION IS QUITE HIGH AND VERY DIFFICULT TO PAY BACK ONCE THEY START WORKING IN THE FIELD BECAUSE THE SALARIES ARE CONSIDERABLY LOW THE JOB IS VERY MENTALLY ENTERTAINING BUT IT IS THERE'S A LOT OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS FACED WITH THIS TYPE OF PROFESSION.

JAISHNA: DOCTOR TOWNS MEDICAL ASSISTANT FRANNIE ALSO PROVIDED SOME INSIGHT ON WHAT IT IS LIKE TO WORK WITH ANIMALS.

JAISHNA: WHAT HAS YOUR EXPERIENCE BEEN LIKE SO FAR WORKING WITH ANIMALS?

FRANNIE: IT CAN BE MENTALLY CHALLENGING HOWEVER WE ALL GET ALONG REALLY WELL SO WE KIND OF HAVE FUN AS MUCH AS WE CAN GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WERE GIVEN SOMETIMES EXHAUSTING MENTALLY AND

PHYSICALLY BUT IT'S IT'S STILL YOU HAVE THOSE CASES IN THOSE PEOPLE IN THE ANIMALS THAT MAKE IT WORTH IT

JAISHNA: DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC CASE THAT'S PARTICULARLY SPECIAL TO YOU?

FRANNIE: YES THE BEST CASE THAT I'VE EVER DONE INVOLVED IN IMPD DOG, HE CAME IN A VERY CRITICAL CONDITION HE WAS ACTUALLY ON HIS WAY TO BE EUTHANIZED DUE TO HIS DISEASE PROCESS THAT WAS HAPPENING AND WE DECIDED THAT WE WANTED TO GIVE HIM A SHOT AND WE DID IN EMERGENCY SURGERY ON HIM AT NO CHARGE AND WE ENDED UP SAVING HIM I HAVE SINCE SEEN THIS DOG A FEW TIMES AND HE IS DOING GREAT AND HE'S VERY HAPPY AND HE'S A FRIENDLY GUY SO IT WAS VERY REWARDING TO DO JUST A ALL IN TYPE OF SURGERY AND MEAN IT WAS DO OR DIE FOR HIM AND WE WERE ABLE TO DO IT AND NOT CHARGE THE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANY ANYTHING FOR THE SERVICE THAT WE DID.

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