Exoclinic-
Lisbon
What’s work like in an exotic vet clinic?

Daily activities consisted of cleaning animal cages, preparing food, and preparing medications. Depending on the demand there could be surgeries in the morning, as well. On rare occasions, we got out of the clinic to do at-home/on-site visits.
What types of animals came into the clinic?

• ‘Exotic animals’ really means anything but cats and dogs. The clinic had rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, sugar gliders, ferrets, chinchillas, birds of all kinds, turtles, pigs, chickens, and even a varanus lizard.
Most rewarding aspect of the internship

• Exploring Lisbon
• Getting medical experience through my time at the clinic
My impact at Exoclinic

• Much of my work was doing the menial tasks that the doctor and receptionist couldn’t get to in a day

• I also presented a care sheet on sugar gliders and on my final day I presented what I found to be the most interesting case- a ferret with adrenal gland disease
Impact of internship on my academic and career goals

• I entered my internship as a pre-med student, and this has not changed, however I hope in the future to return to Lisbon as it was one of the most beautiful cities I’ve ever spent time in
Exploring Portugal
Personal Growth

• First time living in my own apartment
• Learning to use public transportation in a language I don’t speak
• Balancing work and personal life
• Balancing a budget