



Cassie Wedd, a veterinary student at the [Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine](#) has won the 2010 World Rabies Day Essay Competition organized by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control for the Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA).

This August, Cassie will spend two weeks at the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) in Atlanta, Georgia where she'll participate in activities of the Rabies Laboratory and the Division of Global Migration and Quarantine including rabies research, diagnosis, epidemiological analysis and public health policy.

Cassie focused [her essay](#) on the ever increasing and diverse responsibilities of public health veterinarians and the vital role they play in ensuring the success and wellbeing of society. Cassie is from Richmond, Virginia. After receiving her BSN degree from the University of Virginia, she worked as an ICU nurse in Washington D.C. for two years before pursuing a career in veterinary medicine. Her background in human health, combined with a track in public/corporate veterinary medicine and joint DVM/MPH degree, will prepare her for a future in public health.

The Alliance would like to congratulate Cassie and wishes her an enjoyable time at CDC this August!