

Andrew Di Salvo, DVM

Andrew Di Salvo was born and raised in a suburb of New York City. He earned a BS in Environmental Geoscience from Boston College. Following graduation, he spent a year teaching middle school science in the Caribbean before returning to NY to begin working as an Urban Park Ranger for the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation. In addition to leading environmental education programs for visiting schools and the public, Andrew coordinated conservation efforts, rescued injured and abandoned wild and domestic animals, as well as conducted law enforcement patrols throughout NYC parks as a certified Peace Officer.

After living and working in NYC for a few years, Andrew decided that he wanted to become a veterinarian. He left his job and completed the prerequisite coursework, in his downtime volunteering at local animal clinics, the Bronx Zoo, Laurel Park, as well as participating in a sea turtle research project in the Galápagos Islands with the Charles Darwin Foundation.

Andrew attended the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in Ithaca, NY. While a student, he had the opportunity to become involved in wildlife health projects with multiple state wildlife agencies and international organizations. Since earning his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, he has worked as the clinical and field veterinarian for the Cheetah Conservation Fund in Otjiwarongo, Namibia, and most recently served as the wildlife veterinarian for White Buffalo Incorporated in Staten Island, NY. He has extensive experience in carnivore and ungulate chemical immobilizations, clinical and field surgeries, and human-wildlife conflict resolution. In August 2017, he will commence a 3-year residency in free-ranging wildlife health at UC Davis in conjunction with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.