Stratford native begins externship for Veterinary Technology Program

Residents of Purcell, Oklahoma will be seeing a new face around town. Dawn Tarves from Stratford, a student in Murray State College’s Veterinary Technology Program, has started her externship at Walnut Creek Veterinary Clinic. The externship is an 8 week-long program that is designed to give students real-world experience before they head out into the workforce. It is also a requirement for graduation from the program.

“Clinical externship is the culmination of a student’s Veterinary Technician education,” says Debbie Reed, Registered Veterinary Technician and Co-Director of the Murray State College Veterinary Technology Program. “It is the training ground where students are challenged to integrate all aspects of their education. This phase of training offers students the excitement and responsibility of applying the knowledge and skills they have learned.”

Under the guidance of Dr. Bryan Wright and the Walnut Creek Veterinary Clinic staff, Tarves is getting hands on training in the care and handling of animals. Tarves’ externship will end on June 11.

For more on the Murray State College Veterinary Technology Program, visit www.mscok.edu.