

Ms. Jeffries is a graduate of the University of Connecticut where she received her B.S. in Animal Science in 2009. As a student there, she studied many subjects including laboratory animals, veterinary science, anatomy and physiology, floriculture, and even agricultural mechanics. She was also an avid member and officer of livestock clubs, worked on the UConn dairy farm, and obtained her commercial drivers license in order to drive the campus shuttle buses for the UConn Department of Transportation. Ms. Jeffries then received her M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in Agricultural Education from the University of Connecticut in 2010.

Ms. Jeffries has also been employed at an animal hospital as a veterinary assistant performing duties of a veterinary technician. These duties included assisting with surgeries, administering medications, as well as working with patients for animal disease prevention and treatment. Ms. Jeffries also has a wide array of agricultural knowledge in areas of dog and cat grooming, kennel management, biotechnology, animal behavior, animal rehabilitation, pet fostering, and adoption.

Most recently, Ms. Jeffries is an active volunteer for Guiding Eyes for the Blind, a non-profit organization which raises service dogs for visually impaired people. She has trained and raised dogs as well as serves as her region backup teacher. She also fosters cats and kittens for her local shelter, the Meriden Humane Society.