

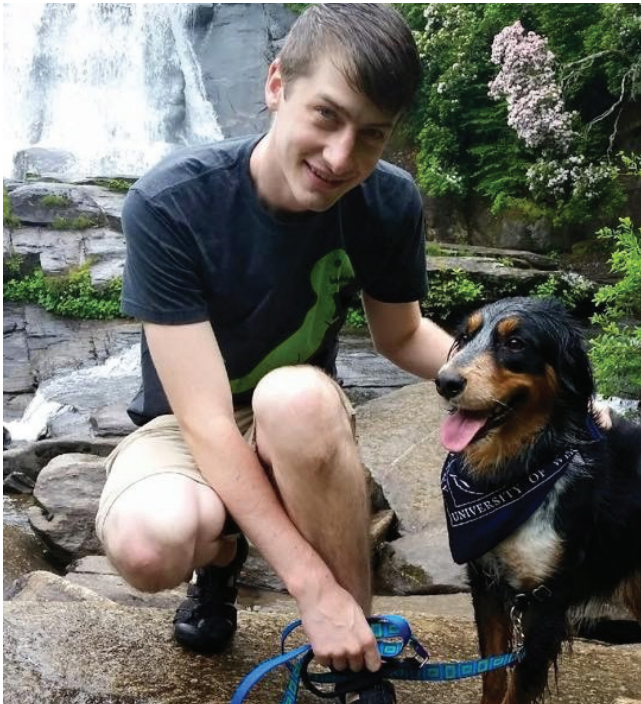
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Staff Feature

Adam Winegarden
AmeriCorps Ambassador Animal Coordinator



Adam Winegarden is the new full-time AmeriCorps Ambassador Animal Coordinator at the Racine Zoo, hired as part of an AmeriCorps grant awarded to the Zoo to expand educational programming. Adam grew up in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and earned his bachelor's degree in Zoology from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. During his undergraduate experience, he spent a semester abroad in East Africa, was a researcher in a fire ecology lab, and worked as a dog trainer. Upon receiving his degree, he completed internships at the National Aviary in Pittsburgh, PA and the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, NC. He then worked as a Bird Presenter & Trainer at the Carolina Raptor Center in Charlotte, NC for several years, delivering education programming, and training birds for free-flight outdoor bird shows.



Adam returned to Wisconsin to acquire his master's degree in Environmental Conservation from UW – Madison, and completed a thesis project focused on the breeding ecology of short-eared and long-eared owls in Wisconsin. He comes to the Racine Zoo with a passion for birds (especially vultures!), research, education, and local conservation work.

When he's not at the Zoo, Adam loves to spend time at home with his dog and two cats. He also enjoys birdwatching, hiking, photography, volunteering with local conservation organizations, and spending time at the beach.