

2023 Isabella Schultz

sabella Schultz began the GrowinG Internship Program eager to gain hands-on ranching experience. "I wanted to gain practical experience and get more involved in agriculture," she shared. During the summer,

she developed skills in rotational grazing, animal health, and horsemanship while building meaningful connections within the ranching community.

Rotational grazing was one of Isabella's key lessons. By rotating cattle every few days, she observed how this practice preserved grass health and maximized forage utilization. "Rotating the cattle every few days prevents overgrazing and ensures the pastures remain healthy," she explained. This experience reinforced her understanding of regenerative grazing as a sustainable ranching practice.



Animal health care was another major focus. Isabella treated common cattle ailments like hoof rot and respiratory infections, using medicines such as Draxxin and Banamine. "I'll use these techniques throughout my career—it's one of the most common ailments cattle deal with," she said. The experience emphasized the importance of proactive herd management to ensure productivity and animal welfare.

Horsemanship became a defining part of Isabella's internship. She worked with younger horses to improve their responsiveness and tracking skills. "Forming a bond and trust with the horse has been one of my favorite parts of the internship," she reflected, considering horse training as a potential career path.

As the internship concluded, Isabella expressed gratitude for the experience. "This internship gave me invaluable skills and insights into sustainable ranching practices," she said. Looking ahead, she plans to integrate what she learned into her career while inspiring others to explore ranching opportunities. **Jsabella Schultz**

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