



Animal Care Internship

Background: The Humane Society of Harlingen offers unpaid internships for high school Juniors & Seniors, college students, and recent graduates. The Humane Society of Harlingen admits an average of 6,00 animals annually, and services thousands more during clinics and other community engagement initiatives. Animal Care Interns are offered the unique ability to gain hands-on experience in animal care, shelter medicine (including high volume spay/neuter and community vaccination/microchip clinics) and shelter best practices, all while being a part of the lifesaving team at HSH.

HSH offers year-round internship opportunities for the spring, summer, and fall semesters. Under the direction of HSH Staff, animal care interns will be responsible for all aspects of daily animal care, including:

- Diet preparation/animal feeding
- Maintaining kennel cleanliness
- Admissions of new intakes
- Paperwork and record keeping
- Physical exam assistance
- Medication administration
- Surgery assistance
- Providing basic medical care
- Animal enrichment
- Maintaining supply inventory
- Client care & communication response
- Volunteer oversight
- Daily shift coordination
- Daily shelter maintenance

Qualifications:

- Strong passion for saving the lives of lost & homeless pets in the RGV.
- Ability to perform rigorous indoor and outdoor care in all types of weather.
- Ability to remain calm when working under pressure in a fast paced environment.
- Ability to work well with others and work as a team to provide high quality service.
- Maintain compassion and goal-based mindset in difficult situations.
- Provide reliable, timely support as a part of the HSH team.
- Ability to lift 50 pounds without assistance.
- Coursework in biology, wildlife management, veterinary medicine, environmental science, or experience/interest in related field.

Hours:

Humane Society of Harlingen interns are required to work 15-20 hours per week for a minimum of 12 weeks. Weekends may be required. Hours are flexible, and exceptions can be made to account for educational commitments. HSH operates from 7:30 AM to 6 PM, seven days a week.

Dates:

Start dates are determined after interviews are complete and are based on the number of applicants and their availability. School hours and commitments are taken into consideration.

Application Instructions:

To apply, send an application, cover letter and resume to intern@hshtx.org or mail/deliver to: 1106 Markowsky Ave Harlingen, Texas 78550.



Upon request, a written evaluation will be sent to the school or organization of the interns choosing at the completion of the internship.



Animal Care Internship Application

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

List your ideal beginning & end dates: _____

List your date and time availability: _____

What is your current major/area of study? _____

Describe any student organizations, job experiences, additional coursework, skills, degrees, certifications, or licenses that you have that will help you with this internship.

Describe your career goals and how this internship will help you reach those goals. Be specific about the experiences you want to gain through this internship and why you believe this internship can provide such an experience.

What is your current status? (circle one)

HS Junior HS Senior College Freshman College Sophomore
College Junior College Senior Graduate Student Other _____

When do you expect to graduate? _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____