Student Report Guidelines: Shelter Medicine & HQHVSN Externship

General

Objective
To report on your experience as a veterinary student training in a shelter medicine externship.

Report Format
- Word document
- Include your name, credentials, and class year
- List the location and dates of your externship
- At the bottom of the report, list any previous shelter medicine coursework or research completed.

Length
600 - 1000 words
Give your report structure. Be sure you have some form of introduction and conclusion (can be brief).

Audience
- Shelter medicine faculty
- Stipend Funder (Maddie’s Fund)
- Future veterinary students who may consider studying shelter medicine
- We may share quotes from your report (anonymously), but please feel free to be candid.

Content prompts
Be creative! Tell the story of the importance of your experience, what you learned, and your critical thoughts about it.
- What did you learn about animal homelessness, risk factors for relinquishment, and/or pet reunification?
- Describe the management paradigm for the shelter.
- How was the shelter population managed?
- What was the role of the veterinarian?
- What challenges does this shelter face?
- What programs do they have that are highly successful or innovative?
- Describe the shelter’s programs and your experiences/participation in:
  - Quality of life & environmental enrichment
  - Medical assessments
  - Behavioral assessments
  - Infection control; surveillance, isolation, vaccination, cleaning and disinfection
  - Cruelty/forensics


Foster care
Preventive health care
What were the most important activities you participated in or lessons you learned?
How has the experience impacted you?
How does the shelter’s operations and standard of animal care compare to the Association of Shelter Veterinarians’ Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters? (required topic)

Photographs
Illustrate your report with photographs that tell the story of your experience at the shelter. Please do not include any graphic surgery images. We love pictures of you smiling with shelter animals and shelter staff!