Shelter Medicine Externship
Information Form for Participating Shelters

Organization
PAWS Chicago 08/31/2014
Name of Agency Date Completed
3516 W. 26th Street
Physical Address
City State Zip County
773-935-7297 773-521-1142 www.pawschicago.org
Agency Phone Agency Fax Website

Externship Coordinator
Theresa Softcheck Chief Operation Officer
Name Title / Position
773-475-4711 tsoftcheck@pawschicago.org
Telephone E-Mail Address

Supervising Veterinarian
Dr. Barbara Hanek Head Shelter Medicine Vet
Name Title / Position
773-475-9460 bhanek@pawschicago.org
Telephone E-Mail Address

Organization Information
How would you characterize the organization? Please select all that apply.
☐ Open admission / traditional shelter ☐ Municipal agency
☐ Limited admission / adoption guarantee shelter ☐ Private nonprofit agency
☐ Animal sanctuary ☐ Private nonprofit agency with government contract
☐ Spay / neuter clinic
☐ Other (please describe):

How many animals did the organization admit (shelter) last year?
☐ > 20,000 ☐ 1,000 – 4,999
☐ 10,000 – 19,999 ☐ 500 – 999
☐ 5,000 – 9,999 ☐ < 500

Externship Information
Please provide an overview of the externship including a brief a description of the externship objectives, agency, average number and type of animals cared for, description of facility, and responsibilities and experiences of the extern.

Externships in the Shelter Medicine Program, enable students to gain an understanding of the complexity of disease management in a shelter environment, how to provide high quality medical care, and how to utilize a foster network. They will also gain insight to the business rationale and dynamics behind the processes, protocols, and practices of the PAWS Chicago Lurie Clinic and Rescue & Recovery Center.

Shelter Medicine Program experience will include working in the following areas:
• Daily Medication Rounds – Responsibilities: Working with the shelter medicine team to administer treatments to animals housed at the Rescue and Recovery Center, morning and afternoon.
• Initial Exams – Responsibilities: Working with the shelter medicine team on the initial exams performed on the animals. This includes a comprehensive physical
Proposed externship duration:  
- ✔ 2 weeks
- ✔ 4 weeks
- Other: 

Is student housing provided?  
- Yes
- No

Is a student stipend provided?  
- Yes, amount: $ 
- No

Please list any prerequisites for an externship at your organization.

Any student with an externship over 3 weeks is required to submit information for a background check.

How many veterinarians will the extern work with?

- 2 Full-time
- 2 Part-time
- 4 Paid Staff
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- Paid Contractor
- Volunteer

Do any of these veterinarians hold specialty board certification?

- ✔ No
- Yes

The goal of a shelter medicine externship is to provide the veterinary student with a robust training experience in shelter medicine accompanied by exposure to the critical aspects of animal sheltering. Please fill in the attached blank calendar with a sample schedule that an extern would expect to follow at your agency. A sample week’s schedule has been provided. This is a tool only and is not considered a binding schedule.

To categorize subject areas, please reference the following list.

- **Shelter Medicine**
  - Minimum 40 hours of 80-hour externship
  - For example: Rounds, treatments, exams, forensic cases, population management, infectious disease control, preventive health care, etc.

- **Sheltering Operations**
  - Minimum 16 hours of 80-hour externship
  - For example: Cleaning and disinfection, animal control officer ride-alongs, working at the shelter intake area or in adoptions, etc.

- **Shelter Animal Surgery**
  - Up to 24 hours of 80-hour externship
  - For example: Shelter animal spay/neuter and other surgical procedures. Time can exceed 24 hours if other minimum requirements are met.

- **Community Medicine & Surgery**
  - Up to 8 hours of 80-hour externship
  - For example: Public-owned animal spay/neuter, vaccinations, wellness, etc. Time can exceed 24 hours if other minimum requirements are met.

- **Shelter Animal Behavior**
  - Optional
  - For example: Wellness and environmental enrichment, behavior assessment, behavior modification.

Please submit the completed forms and any additional documentation to:

Maddie’s® Shelter Medicine Program  
University of Florida  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
2015 SW 16th Avenue 100126  
Gainesville, FL 32610  
sheltermedicine@vetmed.ufl.edu
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**Agency:** PAWS Chicago

**Sample Schedule: Externship Week One**