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## Lifesaving 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. Lifesaving Interns are offered the unique ability to gain hands-on experience in finding positive outcomes for shelter pets, 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, lifesaving interns will be responsible for all aspects including:

- Client care & communication response
- Assisting with match making and adoptions
- Assisting with foster placements
- Pet Inventory
- Pet food pantry
- Pet resource assistance for the public
- Maintaining kennel cleanliness
- Paperwork and record keeping
- Physical exam assistance
- Medication administration
- Surgery assistance
- Providing basic medical care
- Animal enrichment
- Any other duties assigned that may be assigned by Lifesaving Supervisor

### 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](mailto:intern@hshtx.org) or mail/deliver to: 1106 Markowsky Ave Harlingen, Texas 78550.

### Completion of Internship

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

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