

Animal Care: Rotational Intern

<i>Nothing in this position description restricts management's right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this position at any time.</i>	
Internship Location	12526 County Road 3806, Murchison, TX 75778
Position Grade	3 ; background check includes Criminal Background, Social Security Number Verification, Motor Vehicle Check and Sex Offender Registry
Focus of the Internship	The intern will primarily learn about and perform various animal husbandry duties alongside the staff while gaining valuable ranch experience and knowledge about Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch (CABBR) and The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).
Learning Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to properly care for various species of animals including knowledge of proper diet, operant conditioning, and enrichment for various species • Learn the care and husbandry challenges of the animals in our care • Learn basic medical care procedures and documentation • Knowledge of CABBR and how the program area fits into the larger picture of animal protection • Exposure to the operations of an animal care center • Knowledge of various animal protection issues • Knowledge of animals' habitats • Develop a structured mentor/mentee relationship • Strengthen networking and time management skills including how to prioritize assignments and multi-task • Research and present an educational presentation on a preselected topic pertaining to Texas exotic pet ownership laws, equine vision, etc.
Orientation/Training	Orientation includes the following: history and tour of CABBR, overview of programs, description of rules and protocols, paperwork to complete, and overview of basic safety procedures and daily shift routine. Intern will be given access to manuals and an intern handbook at the beginning of internship. Intern will receive department-specific materials and on-site training specific to the role by working alongside the departmental team lead and meeting with the intern supervisor on a regular basis. Intern will be granted additional responsibilities as they progress through on-the-job training.
Intern Responsibilities	Rotate through our three animal care departments (equine, primate, and wildlife), spending a month in each department. Perform the following responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare diets and feed/water in measured amounts using diet instructions (for larger pastures, this requires driving a ranch truck); keep track of animal feedings on forms and feeding board • Clean enclosures which may include raking, weeding, sweeping platforms, and climbing ladders up to 8 feet

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn to identify animals as individuals • Observe and monitor health and well-being of animals and maintain detailed observation records as directed; note appropriate behavioral and health concerns; observe the animals for body composition changes, stool and urine observations, lethargy, and stress levels; identify potential health issues and inform veterinary staff and management of conditions noted through observations, as necessary • Administer minor medical treatments following veterinary staff instructions for medical treatments and give treatments at appropriate times; fill out medication records completely • Provide behavioral enrichment and stimulation on a daily basis • Complete general housekeeping tasks: use appropriate cleaning and disinfecting agents, sweep, mop, and wipe down counters of work areas, ensure proper removal of garbage and compost, launder towels and bedding as needed, empty and wash/sanitize dishes daily, keep food storage areas and work areas neat and tidy, and wash carriers or caging • Maintain equipment through regular cleaning of vehicles and equipment used in outside work • Complete a research project in which interns study a topic of interest related to their learning and give a brief 5-10 minute presentation of results at the conclusion of the internship (i.e. Texas exotic pet ownership laws, equine vision, etc.); topic must be approved by supervisor • Complete educational quizzes and work with supervisor to develop and meet internship goals • During peak volunteer season (summer), intern likely works alongside volunteers and direct them on particular tasks
<p>Level of Difficulty 1=easy/5=demanding <small>(physical, mental, emotional)</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical difficulty is level 4; must be able to stand, pull wheelbarrows, lift and carry heavy objects (50 lbs.), rake, stoop, bend, and walk for extended periods of time, have quick reflexes and the ability to work in all types of weather conditions; much of the work requires physical labor and intern must have high levels of physical strength and mobility • Mental difficulty is level 3; there will be a demanding work load which requires learning proper procedures and protocols • Emotional difficulty is level 3; intern will come into contact with injured, orphaned or abandoned animals, which can be emotionally distressing
<p>Expected Environmental Conditions</p>	<p>All of the work is performed outdoors in all weather conditions which can be unpredictable. Winter in East Texas is wet and chilly (temperatures reach the freezing point or below). Spring is wet and mild, and summer is hot and humid (temperatures are in the upper 90s to low 100s from approximately late June to mid-September, with high humidity). The area can be prone to flash flooding and has the possibility of ice storms in the winter.</p>
<p>Qualifications/Requirements for Intern Applicants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to meet the requirements outlined in the Essential Capabilities document with or without reasonable accommodation • Strong interpersonal skills and able to maintain professionalism in attitude and appearance on the telephone and in person with staff and members of the public • Able and willing to follow all safe animal handling protocols as explained during training • Able to work closely with the CABBR staff and to think strategically in

	<p>order to meet the program's needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attentive to detail with a commitment to accuracy • Able to work well independently and as part of a team, and use good judgment • Able to learn, follow directions, and make appropriate suggestions • Possess a strong personal work ethic • Willing to take initiative on a variety of projects and change priorities • Must be organized and tidy, as interns are responsible for keeping the surrounding grounds clean and trash-free • Able to understand The HSUS' and CABBR's policies, mission, and positions regarding animal protection issues and able and willing to appropriately and accurately represent those policies when interacting with the public or otherwise representing The HSUS • Volunteer experience or prior internship working with and/or handling equine, farmed animals, or wildlife is helpful
Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be at least 18 years of age • Must have reliable transportation and arrive on time for shifts • Must have current tetanus inoculation and provide proof of a negative tuberculosis (TB) test; pre-exposure rabies and Hepatitis A & B vaccinations recommended • Must have a driver's license and an excellent driving record • Must wear closed-toed, rubber-soled shoes • Must be able to learn and follow guidelines and policies of The HSUS and CABBR, and follow directions given by staff • Must submit the required paperwork and pass a background check before being assigned • Should have a phone for easy communication, access to a computer and ability to login into an online volunteer communication site to receive updates
Internship Start Date	Ongoing; there are four intern sessions (Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter)
Internship Time Commitment	Intern must commit to approximately 42 hours per week for 12 weeks. If in an academic program that has different requirements, we can accommodate.
Internship Scheduling Guidelines	Hours vary depending on time of year but are usually between 7 am and 4 pm.
Tools/Equipment Provided (including Personal Protective Equipment)	All necessary supplies are provided on site.
Optional Tools/Equipment	A comfortable pair of waterproof boots and rain gear is advisable. For the winter months, it is vital to have warm clothes, such as long-sleeved shirts, coats, warm socks, gloves and hats. Aside from clothing, a large water bottle to keep hydrated, sunscreen, insect repellent, and flashlight are recommended. Interns are encouraged to bring their own laptops.
Supervisor(s)	Intern Coordinator, Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch
Additional Mentor(s)	Primate Team Lead and Equine Team Lead
Number of Concurrent Internship Openings	5; if there are local applicants that don't require housing, CABBR can accept additional interns
Additional Information	Free onsite housing is available
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