

Intern Position Description

Veterinary Extern

<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 and Sex Offender Registry
Focus of the Internship	Introduce extern to equine and zoological medicine in a fully-functional veterinary hospital and well as expose extern to the basics of animal husbandry and rehabilitation
Learning Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of focus include lameness, geriatric medicine, ultrasonography, digital radiography, clinical pathology, dentistry, internal medicine, surgery, projected anesthesia, hospital and ambulatory work, and herd management for a variety of species • Knowledge of many common diseases and injuries seen in animals • Basic knowledge of animal husbandry and rehabilitation • Knowledge of the Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch (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 animals' habitats
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. Externs will be given access to manuals and an extern handbook. There will be regular interaction and training led by the veterinarian supervisor.
Intern Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform medication administration (IM, IV, PO, topical), bandage application, equine dental examination and treatment, lameness examination, diagnostics and treatment, radiography, ultrasonography, hematology sampling, anesthesia, surgical assistance and other clinical procedures based on case presentation • Present clinical case rounds to the animal care staff • Attend and participate in weekly Animal Care meetings • Prepare an independent research project under guidance of staff; present the project at the conclusion of the externship
Level of Difficulty 1=easy/5=demanding (physical, mental, emotional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical difficulty is level 4; involves working with large animals and handling heavy equipment; should be able to lift up to 50 lbs. • Mental difficulty is level 4; requires significant studies in medical management and pharmacology • Emotional difficulty is level 5; should be prepared to provide medical care in an emotional environment, taking care to provide optimal medical services while being compassionate to the animals and the people who care for them
Expected Environmental Conditions	Work is both indoors in an air-conditioned hospital setting and outdoors in all weather conditions which can include extreme heat.

Qualifications/Requirements for Intern Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic knowledge of all facets of veterinary medicine and able to read and understand veterinary literature • Able to do basic math for dosage calculations • Able to work well with others • Able to take direction and feedback well from veterinarians, technicians and other staff members • Able to speak English well enough to communicate under pressure and understand basic medical terminology • Adaptable to change and able to remain calm under pressure • Able to meet the requirements outlined in the Essential Capabilities document with or without reasonable accommodation • Able to learn and demonstrate a familiarity with CABBR's programs • Able to understand The HSUS's and CABBR's policies 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
Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be at least 18 years of age • Must be able to show proof of negative tuberculosis (TB) test • Must submit the required paperwork and pass a background check before being assigned • Must learn and follow all guidelines and policies of The HSUS and CABBR, and follow directions given by staff • Must wear closed-toed, rubber-soled shoes • The extern must agree to not publish any articles, case reports, procedures, experiences, etc. in connection with CABBR unless approved by the veterinarians and co-authored by them or another member of the veterinary staff. • Should have a phone for easy communication, access to a computer and ability to login into an online volunteer communication site to receive updates • Tetanus & pre-exposure rabies vaccinations recommended but not required
Internship Start Date	Flexible
Internship Time Commitment	Externships are available year-round for 2-4 weeks, 40-48 hours per week.
Internship Scheduling Guidelines	Monday-Friday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm; on call every other weekend
Tools/Equipment Provided (including Personal Protective Equipment)	Any medical equipment or other equipment necessary for animal care, calculator, computer for occasional use, 2 scrub tops for the duration (to be returned at the end of the externship), gloves, mask, protective goggles or particulate respirator provided as needed
Optional Tools/Equipment	Stethoscope, bandage scissors, pen light, etc.
Supervisor(s)	Senior Medical Director
Additional Mentor(s)	Veterinary Technician
Number of Concurrent Internship Openings	2
Additional Information	On-site housing is available.
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