



**Wildlife Protection: Prairie Dog Relocation 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>	
<b>Internship Location</b>	Boulder, CO
<b>Position Grade</b>	<b>4</b> ; background check includes Criminal Background, Social Security Number Verification, Motor Vehicle Check and Sex Offender Registry
<b>Focus of the Internship</b>	Interns will learn hands-on techniques and skills needed to successfully run and maintain an active relocation for prairie dogs.
<b>Learning Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a part of, and learn about, the day to day process-start to finish-of trapping and releasing an entire colony of prairie dogs</li> <li>• Learn the techniques and processes for: trap setting, monitoring, handling, data collection, release site monitoring, dye-marking, and placement at release site</li> <li>• Have the opportunity to observe and learn about behavioral differences within the species</li> <li>• Have the opportunity to attend public meetings and meet local government leaders</li> </ul>
<b>Orientation/Training</b>	<p>Intern will be given an intern handbook and have access to a handbook covering HSUS policies. Intern will receive department-specific materials and on-site training specific to the role, including weekly group meetings for the project.</p> <p>Intern supervisors will help answer questions about field biology careers and provide regular question/answer sessions.</p>
<b>Intern Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handling traps, i.e. setting up, baiting, breaking down, and monitoring traps during active trapping</li> <li>• Retrieving prairie dogs in traps, marking and dyeing fur, and traveling to release sites within Boulder county and beyond to release prairie dogs</li> <li>• Setting up acclimation caps</li> <li>• Monitoring with a scope or binoculars for trapped prairie dogs or non-target mammals</li> <li>• Feeding prairie dogs at the release site</li> <li>• Hauling hay, feed, and/or equipment on a truck or gator</li> <li>• Working alongside agencies and other NGOs</li> </ul>
<b>Level of Difficulty</b> <b>1=easy/5=demanding</b> (physical, mental, emotional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical difficulty is level 4; requires hands-on animal care and restraint; requires ability to stand, bend, and squat; requires ability to move and respond quickly</li> <li>• Mental difficulty is level 3; requires ability to stay alert, follow instructions, problem solve, work in sometimes near silent conditions to minimize animal stress</li> <li>• Emotional difficulty is level 4; requires ability to cope in emotionally-charged environments and work with animals who may be dead, injured, abused, and/or highly stressed; requires ability to remain calm and quiet under stressful conditions</li> </ul>

<b>Expected Environmental Conditions</b>	Conditions vary by project. Interns can expect challenging environmental conditions (including extreme heat) and accommodations. By nature, field projects will be in areas that may not offer routine comforts such as air conditioning, flushing toilets, television, computer access or cellular services. Interns will have access to food and water.
<b>Qualifications/Requirements for Intern Applicants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to meet the requirements specified in the Essential Capabilities document with or without reasonable accommodation</li> <li>• Able to work outside in the heat</li> <li>• Good eyesight (or corrected vision) and hearing</li> <li>• Able to walk long distances over uneven terrain</li> <li>• Not fearful of handling wildlife</li> <li>• An interest in wildlife field work, or some basic education on wildlife</li> </ul>
<b>Restrictions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be at least 18 years old</li> <li>• Must have Tetanus immunization</li> <li>• Must be able to learn and follow guidelines and policies of the HSUS and follow directions given by staff</li> <li>• Must submit the required paperwork and pass a background check before being assigned</li> <li>• Must be able to handle physical nature of work and possible odd hours, including some weekend work</li> </ul>
<b>Internship Start Date</b>	Flexible, Summer and Fall
<b>Internship Time Commitment</b>	40 hours per week for 3-5 months
<b>Internship Scheduling Guidelines</b>	Monday-Friday, dawn to dusk; schedule varies due to daylight hours; may shift schedule to include some weekends
<b>Tools/Equipment Provided (including Personal Protective Equipment)</b>	Hammers, sod staples, traps, gator, shovels, sunscreen, hats, gloves
<b>Optional Tools/Equipment</b>	n/a
<b>Supervisor(s)</b>	Director Program Manager Coordinator
<b>Additional Mentor(s)</b>	
<b>Number of Concurrent Internship Openings</b>	2
<b>Additional Information</b>	Stipend is available.
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