University of Wisconsin–Madison – Dane County Humane Society
Maddie’s® Shelter Medicine Internship

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Position Summary: The University of Wisconsin–Madison Shelter Medicine Program and Dane County Humane Society seek qualified applicants for a one-year Shelter Medicine Internship for graduate veterinarians. There are two internship positions available.

Inclusive Dates of Internship: June 11, 2018, to June 16, 2019

Salary: $26,900, plus a professional development allowance

Benefits: 5 professional days, 10 days of vacation, 5 days of sick annually, non-accumulative. For health insurance and other benefits, see http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/benefits/new-emp/grad.aspx

Scope of Position:
The position is designed to provide the intern with a well-rounded experience in the practice of clinical shelter medicine and surgery. The intern will also be expected to develop clinical and didactic teaching skills and gain experience in shelter animal research, presentations, and consultations. Interns are responsible for providing program and research support for the University of Wisconsin Shelter Medicine Program at the Dane County Humane Society (DCHS) in Madison, Wisconsin. The position will also provide support to the Shelter Veterinarians at DCHS in the execution of their responsibilities and participate in various veterinary related activities (medicine and surgery) as directed. Species cared for include felines, canines, rabbits, pocket pets/exotics. Occasional livestock, equine, and wildlife exposure is possible, if interested. Clinical training will be supplemented with participation in the UW Shelter Medicine Program research projects, presentations, and shelter consultations. Time will be equally shared between UW and DCHS responsibilities although the bulk of the clinical time will be spent at the Dane County Humane Society.

Duties and Responsibilities:
A. UW Responsibilities
   1. Assist with research projects as directed.
a. Conduct data collection
b. Complete data analysis

2. Assist with development of shelter medicine educational materials.

3. Prepare presentations.
   a. National rounds
   b. Online seminars
   c. Others as assigned

4. Assist with consultations including interactions with shelters throughout the United States.

5. Conduct on-site sample collection from shelter disease outbreaks.

6. Coordinate with Director on outreach activities of the Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Wisconsin.

7. Attendance at rounds, seminars, and meetings as appropriate.

8. Regular participation in journal club and case discussions.

9. Other duties as assigned by the Director.

**B. DCHS Responsibilities**

1. Work collaboratively with and under the supervision and direction of the Shelter Veterinarians.

2. Diagnose and treat medical conditions in all DCHS animals. Follow progress of all patients placed on treatment, keeping records of all treatments and final outcomes.

3. Under supervision of the Shelter Veterinarians, the intern will direct, conduct, and evaluate treatment plans, disease control measures, and hands-on medical treatment and progress of animals housed at the shelter including but not limited to:
   a. Vaccination protocols
   b. Nutrition and feeding protocols
   c. Parasite control measures
   d. Housing and sanitation
   e. Treatment protocols for routine infectious diseases
   f. Preventative medicine procedures
   g. Emergency evaluation, treatment, and procedures
   h. Pre-adoption exams in accordance with regulations

4. With guidance from the Shelter Veterinarians, create, implement, and measure compliance with procedures and protocols to ensure continued health.

5. Under direction from the Shelter Veterinarians, develop, conduct, and monitor medical program protocols and procedures.

6. Assist in maintaining a cost-contained sterilization program, including performance of ovariohysterectomies and castrations on domestic animals. Supervise all aspects of the procedures including anesthesia and post-operative care of the patient.

7. Organize and coordinate all aspects of high-quality, high-volume feline "Spay Days," including volunteer recruitment and training, scheduling, surgical case management, and documentation.

8. Perform non-sterilization surgical procedures when deemed appropriate for the adoptability of a DCHS animal.

9. Communicate the need for scheduling of outside veterinary resources for procedures not available at DCHS. This would include after-hours emergency care and some orthopedic surgery. The Shelter Veterinarians will decide what treatments or procedures are needed.

10. Assist with internal and public relations consultation and education services as they pertain to veterinary medical issues.

11. Advise and assist with the Foster Program including assessment of foster
candidates, development of training materials for foster parents, and providing prompt medical services for animals in foster care.

12. Assist with field recoveries of animals when on-site medical expertise is requested.

13. Provide emergency medical care for domestic and non-domestic animals.

14. Provide after-hours telephone consultation pertaining to issues of veterinary medical importance as deemed appropriate by Shelter Veterinarians.

15. Assist in the instruction of Veterinary Medicine students on rotations and Animal Medical Services Pre-Veterinary Interns.

16. Provide support for the volunteer veterinary program.

17. Advise and assist with Maddie’s Felines in Treatment (FIT) - dermatophyte treatment operations.

18. Adhere to all safety and medical protocols.

19. Maintain patient records by accurately recording treatments, procedures, and test results in the computerized shelter database.

20. Other duties as assigned by DCHS Shelter Veterinarians.

Minimum Requirements:

- Graduate of an accredited school of veterinary medicine.
- Ability to obtain Wisconsin veterinary license prior to internship start date. For more information and licensure fee refer to: [http://drl.wi.gov/](http://drl.wi.gov/)
- A strong interest in shelter medicine, and knowledge and experience working with a wide variety of animal species.
- Ability to provide compassionate patient care with a high degree of emotional resilience.
- Ability to accommodate various work assignments and schedules to meet shelter needs.
- Entry-level patient care, surgery, and medical diagnostic abilities.
- Excellent teamwork skills.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

How to Apply:

Please send cover letter, CV, and 3 references to:
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Applications accepted until December 18th.