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Whole Dog Care Internship

New Mexico Pets Alive is seeking interns with a strong commitment to comprehensive adoption prep care that meets the physical, emotional and behavioral needs of homeless dogs in the New Mexico Pets Alive rescue program. Must be trustworthy, dependable and reliable and have a willingness to be part of a growing committed team of change makers in New Mexico. The internship requires a 15/hr week commitment (some scheduling is flexible), provides a stipend and lasts for 12 weeks. It does not guarantee future employment.

Position Summary

The Whole Dog Care Internship of New Mexico Pets Alive (NMPA) is an opportunity to learn about the organization's effort to pursue animal care innovation while maintaining our firm commitment to community safety. This position requires a willingness to learn and successfully deliver NMPA animal care programming regardless of prior training and experience. Interns report to the Executive Director and other members of the management team.

Background

New Mexico Pets Alive (NMPA) is celebrating its 7th year of no kill programming but has only scratched the surface of what's possible in terms of saving pets and changing lives in New Mexico. On average, the lower 50% of impounded dogs and cats in NM are not making it out alive and to a loving forever home. This equates to at least approximately 80,000 dogs and cats each year currently with no lifesaving options. Unlike many other states, the state of NM does not oversee animal shelter operations under a specific state dept (such as the Dept of Agriculture) so lifesaving statistics are not maintained by the state. This is compounded by not yet having accurate statistics from tribal councils which manage approximately 1/5 of the geographic area of NM. With the state of homeless dog populations on and nearby NM reservations, some estimate the number of homeless dogs needing assistance is closer to 350,000. NMPA is delivering proven lifesaving programs while working to innovate new progressive whole animal care solutions for homeless pet challenges, with an aim to help both people and pets.

Responsibilities

- Learn basic medical, including scheduling and completing vet visits as needed
- Learn pre-adoption and foster set up home visits for NMPA adoptable puppies and dogs
- Learn adoption counseling/adoption matching and adoption follow up for NMPA puppies and dogs
- Learn foster and volunteer recruitment/coordination/training for dog programs
- Learn facility cleaning, maintenance and disease prevention
- Learn whole dog care (feeding, enrichment, walking, playing, training, rehab work)
- Learn applicable record-keeping

Applicants must be in good physical, mental and emotional condition (must be able to walk, run, lift up to 50 lbs and handle strong dogs on occasion - must be free of anything that would hinder applicant's ability to follow directions and guidelines from management and also must be free of anything that would hinder optimum and professional delivery of NMPA programs and services). Applicants should also be passionate about NMPA No Kill companion animal programs and philosophy and must also be dependable, loyal and reliable. Applicants should also be comfortable and naturally good with dogs of all breed mixes, ages and sizes. Applicants should also enjoy the company of people and have excellent social skills and should have basic knowledge of social media, internet use and basic administrative software programs. Applicants must also have a reliable fully insured vehicle to use in the event of community outreach, home visits and in-home adoption support follow up.

Who We Are Seeking:

NMPA is seeking interns who are quick thinking, dynamic individuals who bring an openness and desire to learn NMPA dog handling and related programming. They will also bring excellent people skills along with passion, commitment and enthusiasm for progressive companion animal welfare changes in New Mexico and No Kill in general and accountability to their work.

He or she will be a self-starter who is well organized, resourceful and professionally motivated to develop and implement NMPA goals, objectives and policies.

Education/Experience (preferred):

Bachelor's degree preferred. Must have compassion and affection for all animals, concern for their welfare and have a willingness to accommodate NMPA animals in the course of the internship.

Physical Requirements:

Ability to lift 50 lbs, stand for long time periods, move quickly/run, work with and around animals (including diseased, injured and/or potentially aggressive animals), loud noises, chlorine or other chemicals, inclement weather along with evening, weekend and holiday work times. Allergic conditions which may be aggravated when handling animals or in the course of the operations of NMPA programs may be a disqualification.

Licenses, Criminal Background and Certificates:

Must have or be able to immediately acquire a valid New Mexico driver's license. Must also have a satisfactory driving record and have no criminal history or judgements, being able to pass a criminal background check successfully.

Compensation:

Stipend and bonuses. Housing may be provided.

How to Apply:

Send only a single page resume and/or school transcript and a single page cover letter to: Melissa Roberts at mail@newmexicopetsalive.org with the subject line 'Whole Dog Care Internship'. There are no exceptions to the one page limits or to the pathway via email. Submissions that do not follow these guidelines or meet the minimum requirements will not be considered. If your email has not bounced back, please be assured we have received your email. We can only respond to those we feel may be the best fit among the candidates. Initial responses will be sent via email. Please check your inbox and spam filters as personal email settings can vary. Internships are open as long as they are posted at www.newmexicopetsalive.org and/or www.caninecafe.org

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