

#### Escondido Humane Society's High School Internship Program

The internship program is designed for the young adult who has a serious interest in animals and animal's welfare. Not only will the program provide practical experience for those planning on pursuing a career with animals, but it will also teach the value of compassion and care for all living things. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age. A minimum of one school year is required.

#### All interns must:

- Commit to a minimum of 2 volunteer service hours per week
- Work with a minimum of adult supervision
- Posses basic organizational skills
- Be punctual and responsible
- Be comfortable speaking to groups of children and adults
- Complete any necessary orientation, training or education
- Follow all Escondido Humane Society rules and regulations
- Understand how and why there is a need for animal welfare organizations
- Understand the differences and similarities between a variety of philosophical beliefs on animals
- Display a high level of tolerance and compassion for animals and people of various backgrounds

### **Typical Duties of youth intern include:**

- Participate in presentations and activities, including but not limited to summer camps, tours, birthday parties and training seminars
- Cleaning cages
- Exercising and socializing animals
- Assisting with office-related duties

# What are the Benefits of being an intern?

- You will acquire skills and knowledge directly related to the career you have chosen
- You will observe the skills and attitude that are required in the real world
- You will connect with a professional who can assist your transition from high school to college and the real world.

## What will we expect from you?

- You will be ON TIME for all meetings
- You will dress appropriately whenever you are at EHS
- You will come to all meetings prepared with all necessary materials.
- You will maintain a positive attitude at all times
- You will be alert and enthusiastic
- You will be willing and eager to talk AND willing and eager to listen
- You will be honest about your skills and clear about your needs. Don't be afraid
  to let me know where and when you need the most help.

For more information on our internship program, please call:

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