

Position: PAWS Education Internship

Schedule: Flexible

Rate: Unpaid Internship

The PAWS Education Team inspires and empowers the community to take compassionate action for animals. Using research-based instructional strategies with a focus on inquiry-based learning, PAWS educators engage youth and adults in education programs that explore the intersection of companion animal welfare, wildlife conservation, and social justice issues.

## **Purpose of the Position:**

The PAWS Education Intern will assist and support the PAWS Education Team in the development, teaching, and evaluation of educational programs of the PAWS facility for youth of all ages. Interns gain valuable, practical experience in humane and environmental education, curriculum development, and non-profit administration.

## **Duties and responsibilities:**

- Develop hands-on, educational activities and update existing curricula for tours and other programs of the PAWS facility.
- Lead youth and adults in educational tours of the PAWS facility.
- Represent PAWS and engage the public as part of a team of staff and volunteers.
- Ensure that programs meet best practices in environmental and humane education.
- Inspire enthusiasm for animals and actions that help companion animals and wildlife.
- Assist Education staff with other important tasks to prepare for programs.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Strong interest in informal education and working with diverse youth of all ages
- Knowledge or experience in animal welfare and/or environmental conservation
- Highly motivated and detail-oriented self-starter
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Work well independently and as a part of a team
- Ability to lift and carry up to 20 pounds
- Proficient with Microsoft Office
- Must have strong customer service skills and the ability to professionally represent PAWS

#### **Internship Terms:**

- Specific schedule is flexible
- Interns are unpaid, but PAWS will support applications for college credit, as applicable.

• Housing and transportation assistance is not provided.

# **Learning Opportunities:**

• The PAWS Education Intern will have the opportunity to participate in continued learning opportunities through shadowing the PAWS Companion Animal Shelter and Wildlife Hospital.

# **Application Instructions:**

To apply for the PAWS Education Intern position, please send a cover letter and resume to <a href="mailto:bserica@paws.org">bserica@paws.org</a>.

# Questions?

Contact Bailey Serica, Education Programs Manager, at <a href="mailto:bserica@paws.org">bserica@paws.org</a> or 425.412.4026.