



**Adoption Center:** 100 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street · Philadelphia, PA 19106 · 215-238-9901

**Low-Cost Spay/Neuter and Wellness Clinic:**

2900 Grays Ferry Ave · Philadelphia, PA 19146 · 215-298-9680

**Northeast Adoption Center and Low-Cost Clinic:**

1810 Grant Avenue · Philadelphia, PA 19115 · 215-545-9600

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### **Job Description: Clinical Intern (Unpaid)**

The Clinical Intern supports PAWS veterinary technicians and other staff in the care and medical treatment of animals in our Grays Ferry shelter and low-cost clinic. The intern interacts with animals at all stages, including strays, those surrendered by their owners, and client-owned pets being treated in our clinic. Many are injured or ill, some with severe or infectious diseases. This internship may include the opportunity to observe spay/neuter surgery performed on shelter animals in PAWS' surgical suite, as appropriate and possible.

#### **Duties include, but are not limited to:**

- Cleaning cages and kennels to maintain sanitary living environments for the animals and to help prevent the spread of disease.
- Following established protocols regarding infectious disease control, including ringworm, feline panleukopenia, canine parvovirus, and other conditions.
- Administering medications to animals, including those who may be very ill or aggressive.
- Understanding that humane euthanasia is a rare but necessary step in cases when an animal's condition becomes untreatable.
- Understanding the nature of shelter medicine and the delivery of low-cost veterinary care to pet owners with limited resources, and how it varies from the scope of services available in private practice.
- Assisting clients with check-in procedures and paperwork during our high-volume walk-in hours.
- Promoting a humane and caring attitude towards pets and treating all animals with compassion at all times, including those who are sick, injured, feral, or aggressive.
- Helping to maintain sanitary facilities at all times to have a clean and presentable space.
- Following established procedures governing safe work practices.
- Working cooperatively with staff and volunteers.
- Paperwork and computer file organization.
- Other duties as assigned.

#### **Education and experience required:**

High school diploma or equivalent required. Bachelor's Degree or some college preferred. Experience working or volunteering in an animal rescue, shelter, or veterinary practice preferred. Customer service experience preferred.

#### **Specific job skills required:**

- Ability to read, write, and understand English (other language proficiency a plus)
- Ability to communicate respectfully and patiently with a wide variety of audiences
- Maturity, good judgment, a professional appearance, and a calm, tactful demeanor

**Direct Supervisor:** Veterinary Tech Manager

**Time Commitment:** 15/20 hours per week, 3 month period

**To apply:** Please email resume and cover letter to [clinicalintern@phillypaws.org](mailto:clinicalintern@phillypaws.org).