



VETERINARY TECHNICIAN STUDENT INTERNSHIP

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM:

The Animal Rescue League of Boston is proud to offer rotating veterinary technician student internships with both our Shelter Veterinary Services department and our Community Veterinary Services Department.

We operate three animal shelters in Boston, Brewster (Cape Cod) and Dedham (metro west of Boston). We provide veterinary care to privately owned pets through an outpatient clinic in Boston's South End, Boston Veterinary Care.

We operate a subsidized mobile spay/neuter service, the Spay Waggin'. We have active Rescue and Law Enforcement departments which rescue animals from peril. Our Dedham facility also houses horses and livestock and operates an animal cemetery.

DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL ROTATIONS: (please choose a rotation)

Shelter Veterinary Services – Working directly with a shelter veterinary technician, you will assist with general screening for health of incoming animals. Animals will be triaged into adoptable and treatable categories. You will assist with wellness exams as well as treatment and recheck physical examinations of animals undergoing therapy, on the path to adoptability. Applied principles of preventive medicine will be discussed. Issues related to herd health and infectious diseases in the animal shelter setting will be reviewed. Issues of quality of life in the animal shelter and capacity of housing will also be covered.

Shelter surgery – Alongside veterinary technicians, you will observe high volume, high quality surgical services, to include early age spay/neuter.

Each student's experience will vary depending on the activities of the various departments during their visit. Every attempt will be made to accommodate specific requests for experience, but there can be no guarantee that every experience will be available every rotation.

Community Veterinary Services

Spay Waggin' – Accompany veterinary technicians on this mobile spay/neuter vehicle. The Spay Waggin' offers subsidized spay/neuter surgery and service to smaller local animal shelters, both private and municipal. This will be a hands on learning experience in a fast passed high quality/ high volume surgical setting.

TNR Programs (Trap Neuter and Release) – This rotation offers the opportunity to participate in the trap, neuter, and release process of feral cats when available.

Community Programs- This rotation offers the opportunity to participate in community related veterinary events and activities when available.

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REQUIREMENTS:

- Only veterinary technology students enrolled in a formal veterinary technician program at an AVMA accredited college or university will be accepted for an ARL internship.
- Each internship must be associated with a formal externship "block" scheduled and required by the school for which the school awards credit.
- Each student must possess a basic working knowledge of veterinary medicine. Due to our multiple locations, we also require that students have access to a car during their time at ARL.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are reviewed twice a year:

December Review: For applications received on or before January 1st 2017 – applications will be reviewed during the month of December and students will be notified during the first week of January.

May Review: For applications received on or before June 1st 2017 – Applications will be reviewed during the month of May and students will be notified the first week of June.

Any interested veterinary technology student is asked to send an email to the rotation of their choice. For the Shelter Veterinary Services rotation, please email vettech.intern@arlboston.org and for the Community Veterinary Services rotation to swtech@arlboston.org. Please include the following information in the email:

- Full name
- Resume
- Name of Veterinary Technology School
- Clinical year
- First and second choice of dates, including days of the week you are able to work
- Length of internship (number of clinical hours needed)
- One to two paragraphs explaining why you would like to come to ARL to participate in our veterinary technician internship and what you hope to get out of the rotation.

Once we receive your email, you will receive a reply within 1-2 weeks.