



**HUMANE
SOCIETY**
OF BOULDER VALLEY

**Shelter Medicine Externship
Humane Society of Boulder Valley**

The Humane Society of Boulder Valley offers 2-4 week Shelter Medicine Externships to senior (4th year) veterinary students. The first week focuses on the processes of impoundment and adoption of companion animals, providing students the opportunity to hone physical exam skills, learn about behavior evaluation and disease control in the shelter environment. Practices will include treatment and vaccination of shelter animals, physical exams, behavior assessment, observing adoption counseling, overview of animal control services in our community, euthanasia, and didactic information available. Subsequent week(s) spent in the veterinary clinic where students perform sterilization surgery and general medical care for shelter and foster animals.

Junior (3rd year) students may apply for the 2-week shelter medicine experience, and will not perform surgery. Schedule priority is given to 4th year students.

Please apply early, dates fill quickly and we cannot guarantee date availability until student application process is confirmed.

We can confirm externship blocks upon receipt of any one of the required documents below. Student blocks are NOT available in the month of June.

Requirements:

- Letter of Intent from applicant.
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Recommendation from faculty member.
- Proof of Student Liability Insurance
 - If your school provides this policy, please send documentation.
 - If your school does not provide a policy, a policy may be obtained from AVMA PLIT online at <http://www.avmaplit.com/student>
- Complete HSBV Volunteer Application, and waiver of release (this link will be sent to you one month prior to your externship, and may not be used to reserve your externship block)
- Externship evaluation/grade forms as required by your college or university.

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