

ASPCA 'Meet Your Match' Internships

Interns will gain experience in applied dog behavior at a shelter.

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The ASPCA is offering two year-long internships for graduate students in animal science programs to work full-time in animal shelters to conduct research related to a program that improves the shelter experience for animals.

The ASPCA's "Meet Your Match" program, which is used in shelters across the United States, uses behavior assessments to predict how a shelter dog, puppy, kitten or cat may behave in his or her new home for the first several weeks.

The assessments are used with surveys to match adopters with appropriate animals.

The "Meet Your Match" internships are intended for full-time graduate students in animal behavior programs who are: Interested in obtaining hands-on research experience in applied settings. Enrolled as a full-time master's or doctoral student and obtaining full course credit for the internship. Willing to relocate for one year – from August 2007 to July 2008 – to the community where the assigned shelter is located.

To apply, send CV and two letters of reference to: Emily Weiss, Ph.D., C.A.A.B., Sr. Director of Shelter Behavior Programs ASPCA, 2672 SW Indianola Benton, KS 67017. For more information, Weiss can be reached at (316) 778-1273 or e-mailed at emilyw@aspca.org.