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## **Miami-Dade County Animal Services Veterinary Services Intern Job Description**

Miami-Dade County Animal Services (ASD) is one of the largest no kill shelters in the United States. Since 2015, ASD has saved more than 90% of the pets in its care. In addition to serving the community through adoption events, volunteer/foster programs, low-cost spay/neuter services, and pet retention, ASD also safeguards the safety and security of pets through innovative anti-cruelty programs and initiatives.

ASD is seeking a Veterinary Assistant Intern who will provide assistance to Veterinarians and Veterinarian Technicians as they perform their daily rounds.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES/ REQUIREMENTS**

- Providing assistance to Veterinarians in the administration of medications and vaccinations
- Offer support in the following procedures:
  - Venipuncture for the purpose of sample collection
  - Performing diagnostic canine heartworm and feline leukemia/immunodeficiency exams
  - Obtaining fecal samples and performing/interpreting microscopic float examinations
  - Performing skin scrapings and interpreting associated microscopic exams
- Monitoring and providing for the health needs of shelter pets housed in off-site quarantine and in shelter
- Recording and maintaining accurate and detailed medical records
- Preparing USDA required health certificates in accordance with the Florida State Statute
- Assists in the selection of transport candidates based on temperament and receiving agency needs
- Scheduling of medical follow-up appointments

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Follow and uphold applicable laws and the veterinary technology profession's ethical codes to provide high quality care to patients
- Learn how to Safely and effectively administer prescribed drugs to patients
- Demonstrate and perform patient assessment techniques in a variety of animals
- Communicate in a professional manner in all formats- written, oral, non-verbal, and electronic.

**EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:** Preference for candidates pursuing a degree in Veterinary Medicine or a related field and should have an interest in the field of shelter medicine. Interns must be able to handle the emotional aspect of work in an animal shelter environment, including the humane euthanasia of animals.

Reports to: Treatment Veterinarian