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# LANCE MCCULLERS JR. FOUNDATION'S ANIMAL RESCUE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT RESCUED PETS MOVEMENT

The Lance McCullers Jr. Foundation is a non-profit organization established by Lance and his family to invest, bring awareness, and create programs to advocate for stray and homeless animals across the country. The goal is to support shelters and programs that promote pet adoptions and continue on the journey to make Houston a no-kill city.

LMJF offers an internship program for those interested in learning and gaining experience in animal welfare with our rescue partner, Rescued Pets Movement Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization that provides a second chance for thousands of homeless dogs and cats through rehabilitation and transport to forever homes in communities throughout the United States that have a demand for adoptable pets.

Each year, thousands of adoptable dogs and cats are needlessly euthanized in the Greater Houston area each year simply because of pet overpopulation. After working with various rescue groups for many years, the founders of Rescued Pets Movement realized that the best way to save these dogs and cats is to build solid relationships with reputable rescue groups here and in areas of the United States where there is a need for adoptable pets and transport the animals to these organizations using our own vans and drivers.

The internship will take place at Rescued Pets Movement; the Lance McCullers Jr. Foundation is not liable for any injuries or damages that could happen.





#### ABOUT RESCUED PETS MOVEMENT

To date, Rescued Pets Movement has saved the lives of almost 60,000 companion animals—including over 50,000 from BARC, the city of Houston municipal shelter, alone—by providing rescue, health, and foster care and transport to our rescue partner groups. In 2020, RPM transported 14,075 formerly homeless animals, with an average of almost 1,200 animals a month, and completed over 453 transports during the year -- over 100,000 miles across 12 states in the US. And the number of rescued pets grows every week.

## How RPM's process works:

- 1. <u>Lifesaving Rescue Missions:</u> RPM carefully evaluates animals across shelters in the Houston Texas area and networks them to their partners in northern states like Colorado, Illinois, and Virginia where there is a need for adoptable animals.
- 2. <u>Foster Home/Boarding:</u> Once a rescue is secured for an animal, RPM's foster teams work to match a pre-approved foster home or space at RPM's boarding facility for the pet to temporarily stay until their transport date.
- 3. <u>Veterinary Care:</u> Each animal rescued by RPM has an intake appointment at RPM's veterinary clinic, where it receives an exam and any necessary medical care from a licensed veterinarian.
- 4. <u>Transport Day:</u> When all the pieces have come together, the animals board their respective vans to their new homes. Dog transport typically takes off on Tuesdays while cats hit the road on Thursdays.
- 5. <u>Transport Process:</u> Each Sprinter van is staffed by two drivers, and each van stops every six hours to walk and feed the adults dogs and clean the litter boxes for the cats; puppies and kittens are fed every four hours, and animals have access to fresh water at all times.
- 6. <u>Transport Partners:</u> In 2020, RPM transported to 44 different rescue partners across the US located in Colorado, Virginia, Illinois, and Wisconsin.
- 7. <u>Arrival and Adoption Process:</u> Once RPM's animals arrive at their receiving rescue, the ownership of the animal is transferred to our reliable (and certified) partners in order to get these pets onto their new lives.
- 8. <u>Synergies and Success!!</u> By partnering with northern rescues, local shelters, and organizations like the Lance McCullers Junior Foundation, Rescued Pets Movement has saved over 60,000 cats and dogs in the last 7 years. With your help, we can save many more!



#### **INTERNSHIP GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

During the course of the internship, you will gain hands-on experience working to help homeless pets across Houston. As an LMJF & RPM intern, you will make a vital impact in helping the overpopulation of pets, assist in saving animals from local shelters, rehabilitating pets, assisting in fundraising, perform various animal husbandry tasks, and joining the RPM team on transport morning.

# **Program Description:**

Interns will complete a rescue round-robin, sampling each focus section for one week. Semester focus placement will be based on performance and success during rounds. Interns will be evaluated and placed into specific focus fields for the semester.

In adherence to CDC Guidelines, masks are required in the RPM offices and clinic unless fully vaccinated.

#### **Focus Fields Include:**

- Rescue administration and marketing of shelter animals
- Miscellaneous veterinary tasks and working closely with technicians and fosters
- Coordination of volunteers and schedule management
- Animal evaluation and promotion
- Digital content and social media marketing
- Oversee medical and behavioral needs of animals
- Hands-on animal care and husbandry
- Other administrative and animal care tasks as needed

If you would like to strengthen your knowledge of animal welfare while creating memorable experiences for you and homeless animals, this may be the internship for you!





# **INTERNSHIP QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIRMENTS**

Please consider joining our team if you meet the following requirements:

- Attending a 4-year college or 2-year community college
- Must be a minimum of 18 years old
- Strong interpersonal skills and professionalism
- · Possess a strong personal work ethic
- Ability to commit to an agreed-upon schedule for the duration of the internship
- Provide your own mode of transportation to RPM
- Able to kneel, bend, lift, reach, push, and pull.
- Handle and restrain animals weighing up to 100 lbs

#### INTERNSHIP TIMELINE

Fall Session: 3-month internship

September - December 2021

Submissions Process Opens: August 9, 2021

Applications Due: August 31, 2021

Review, Interview, & Decision Process: September 3 - 5, 2021

Internship Begins: week of September 6, 2020

Evaluation & Completion of Program: Week of December 6, 2021

### TO APPLY:

Complete the internship application including your cover letter and resume at <a href="https://forms.gle/rZfRA3tuMmmHQf4NA">https://forms.gle/rZfRA3tuMmmHQf4NA</a>

Applications for the Fall Session must be received by August 23, 2021.

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