



Internship Description

Work Site Name (Department if applicable)	Intern Position
Riverdale Animal Shelter	Shelter Intern

Brief Overview of Internship

This position is based in the shelter's animal care department, which oversees daily care, cleaning, feeding, and overall shelter maintenance. Interns will have the opportunity to shadow and work with customer care, community engagement, healthcare, and behavior areas, as well as complete training to work closely with shelter pets.

8am – 11am: Daily Animal Care Husbandry
11am – 3pm: Shadow Opportunities

Internship Tasks

- Assist with cleaning and caring for shelter animals on a daily basis.
- Shadow various departments of the shelter to gain knowledge and assist as needed.
- Help maintain neat and organized work areas and public facing areas.
- Provide enrichment and socialization to shelter pets once trained.
- Participate in welcoming, guiding, and showing appreciation to volunteers.
- Act in line with the mission, vision, and beliefs of the organization and follow operating procedures and policies.

Internship Learning Goals (new skills/knowledge the intern will acquire)

Riverdale Animal Shelter (RAS) interns will gain valuable experience in Animal Welfare, including areas of domestic animal care/husbandry, working with the public and volunteers, and program management.

Potential Internship Project

Adoption Promotion and Specials - assist with pet photoshoots

Animal Enrichment – provide activities and socializing to shelter pets

Additional Information

Must be able to pass free background check
Expectation to read/reply to emails and check weekly schedule



Internship Site Specific Information

Internship Start Date	Internship End Date
September 21 st 2026	December 14 th 2026
Internship Site Address and Primary Contact Information	Internship Hours Start/End Times
Riverdale Animal Shelter 12155 Park Blvd., Brighton, CO 80601 Tabatha Gormley: Community Engagement Manager tgormley@adamscountyco.gov 720-523-7908 (after hours: 720-724-8665)	8am - 3pm
Physical requirements	Dress Code
This is a physical position that requires attention to detail, fast reflexes, frequent bending, lifting, stooping, stretching, and kneeling.	• Close toed shoes • Workplace appropriate (no crop tops, shorts, sandals, etc.) • Wear clothing that you don't mind getting dirty or damp • RAS shirt (one t-shirt provided and rubber boots on hand)
Occupational/Educational Requirements (skills, certifications needed)	Age/Grade Level of Intern
• Enjoy working with pets and people! • Must be a self-starter, team player, and able to perform routine tasks without prompt. • Comfortable working around domestic animals (no strong allergies). • Able to cope with a highly emotionally charged environment and in the presence of animals who are homeless, abandoned, injured and/or abused	Must be at least 16 years old
High School Pathway (WBL Coordinator)	Accommodations (WBL Coordinator)
Health Science and/or Animal Field preferred	