

## **Paid Internship Position in Eldercare and Hospice for Animals, in Sanctuary Setting**

### **Mission:**

Kindred Spirits Animal Sanctuary is dedicated to providing end-of-life and hospice care for older, unwanted dogs, horses, and poultry in a serene and peaceful sanctuary setting.

We seek to provide education, resources, and the tools necessary for individuals within the community to care for their aging animals. Kindred Spirits has developed as a successful non-profit organization in Santa Fe, NM. Through our integrative Wellness Care Program we offer high standards of individualized care and we seek to change the cultural attitude to an appreciation of these most vulnerable members of our community.

We are currently looking for a motivated individual to join our team in the form of a 1 year paid internship.

**Internship Length:** 1 year, with the possibility of continuing employment

**Pay:** Minimum Wage Range

**Hours:** Minimum of 25 hours per week

**Availability Requirements:** Must be available mornings and some evenings, as well as weekends and holidays

**Professional Requirements:** Applicants must have either a vet tech. certificate or nursing degree and must have a minimum of 2 years working at the same job in this field.

**Physical Requirements:** Applicants must be able to regularly lift and carry 50 lbs. and be able to push 150 lbs. in a wheelbarrow. Applicants must also be able to work in all weather conditions including extreme weather.

**Location Requirements:** Applicant must have reliable transportation and must live within a 30-minute drive of Santa Fe, NM.

This position will be a highly structured learning opportunity that will require outlining, working on, and meeting regular goals, frequent progress reports and meetings with KS management. It will also include completion of a final, comprehensive project to be determined collaboratively by intern and KS management based on intern's goals and interests. This position is a unique opportunity to learn our Wellness Care Program, which has been developed over 15 years of diligent care and practice, as well as the workings of a small non-profit animal sanctuary and is ideal for someone who is:

- Looking to develop their own sanctuary for special-needs animals.
- Able to work within a sustainable, earth-friendly, and environmentally sound workplace, and willing to learn about sustainability on all levels.
- Physically and mentally fit, and capable of handling the emotional aspects of end-of-life care for senior animals.
- Ready and eager to learn and willing to approach learning opportunities with an open mind and a diligent work ethic.
- Able to work productively both within a team setting and on their own.
- Comfortable around horses, poultry, and dogs of all sizes.
- Attentive to detail and has organizational and multitasking skills.
- Able to safely administer medications, assess animals for health concerns, give treatments as needed, and reliably record changes in animal health and wellness.
- Able to do physically demanding work on a regular basis in all kinds of weather.
- Able and willing to be an advocate for Kindred Spirits' mission and for the animals at all times, not just during work hours.

Please visit our website at [www.kindredspiritsnm.org](http://www.kindredspiritsnm.org) to learn more about our mission and our Wellness Care Program, and please make sure to read our Animal Caregiver job description and criteria thoroughly before applying for this position. Applicants must submit a Kindred Spirits job application (found on our website), resume, and letter of intent to [kindredspiritsnm@earthlink.net](mailto:kindredspiritsnm@earthlink.net).

**PLEASE NOTE: Applicants who do not meet the position requirements need not apply and will not receive a response.**