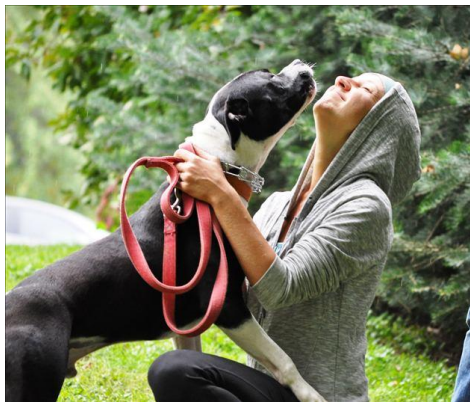
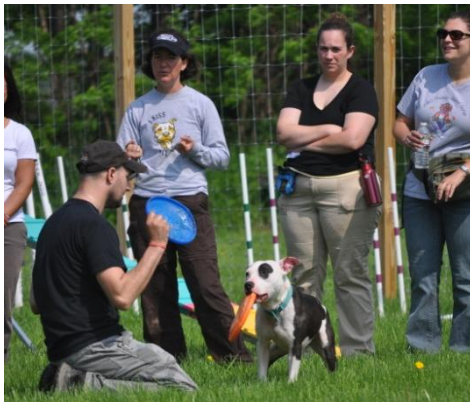


FAQS: ANIMAL FARM FOUNDATION'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



Animal Farm Foundation's mission is to secure equal treatment and opportunity for "pit bull" dogs. We strive to provide innovative and accessible solutions to the barriers "pit bull" dogs often face in shelters and communities. We recognize that in order to meet our mission, we must support the people who share our vision of a compassionate world where all dogs are treated as individuals.

Separating fact from fiction, our internship program allows animal welfare professionals and volunteers to experience "pit bull" dogs in an environment free of prejudices and misinformation. Interns are given the opportunity to view dogs as individuals, not as stereotypes. Recognizing each dog as an individual will allow shelter staff to better meet the needs of each dog. Any dog whose needs are met is happier, healthier and will go home faster!

Topics Include:

- Reducing length-of-stay
- Recognizing and removing shelter policies that are barriers to adoption
- Easy and affordable kennel enrichment
- Training in a shelter environment
- Multiple dog playgroups
- Turbo-charging "pit bull" dog adoptions
- Identifying "pit bull" dogs with sports potential
- Identifying "pit bull" dogs for Assistance work
- Behavior modification
- Shelter dog nutrition
- Understanding how dogs learn
- The importance of accurate language
- The history of canine discrimination and what we can do to stop the cycle.

All the dogs at Animal Farm Foundation are "pit bull" dogs, but this hands-on, week long intensive program will benefit all shelter dogs!



Who will benefit from the internship?

Anybody who works or volunteers to house, foster or shelter and place dogs! Our diverse group of interns has included people who work in behavior, training, adoptions and daily care of dogs in shelters, rescues and animal controls. Interns have travelled to Animal Farm Foundation from all across the United States and Canada. The one thing all of the interns have had in common is their dedication to improving the lives of “pit bull” dogs in their own communities!

When are the internships available?

Four times a year: twice in the Spring and twice in the Fall. Each session is 4 days.

Private sessions are available. Animal Farm Foundation will tailor the internship experience to meet the needs of the interns at the private session. Email adoptions@animalfarmfoundation.org for more information.



Is what you teach affordable and easy to replicate?

Yes! The care we provide for the dogs at Animal Farm Foundation is top notch, but not difficult or expensive. Everything we do is easily and affordably replicated in nearly any shelter environment. This internship is hands-on and interactive to give interns the chance to ask questions about how to adapt techniques to their own situation.

What is the cost?

We want the dogs in your community to benefit from your experience. For that reason, there is no cost to attend the internship. On-site accommodations are also available at no cost. Interns are responsible for their own travel expenses and meals.

How many interns will be in each session?

Each Internship session is limited to 16 attendees. Up to 12 out-of-town interns can be accommodated on-site at each session.

How can I apply for Animal Farm Foundations internship program?

You can apply online at www.animalfarmfoundation.org. Questions can be directed to adoptions@animalfarmfoundation.org

