

Pre-Veterinary Club Mentorship at the University of Hawai`i at Manoa:

Current Experiences

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Veterinary Experience:

Aloha Animal Hospital

4224 Waialae Ave
Honolulu, HI 96816
(808) 734-2242

Website: <http://www.alohaanimal.com>

Contact: Michelle- Leigh R. Suenishi (Hospital Manager)

Hours of Operation: W, S 9am-5pm, M-T, R-Sa 8 am-5pm, S closed

Description: Aloha Animal Hospital always welcomes great opportunities and any individual that is interested to learn more. Aloha Animal Hospital is accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association, which represents a high quality of animal health care. The mentorship here is a customized collaborated effort with the individual and their program. Aloha Animal Hospital operate a high pace, engaging and interactive environment therefore recommend mentee to have the same in mind and spirit.

An initial meeting is coordinated for both parties to interview, realize intentions and commitments. In addition, discussion of the following forms in which they will have seven calendar days to submit completed documents for participation, including;

- Mentorship Form, details individual's basic information and commitment
- SMART Form, specifies the intentions and expectations

Animal Veterinary Services (AVS) Program

2500 Campus Road
Honolulu, HI 96822

Website: <http://www.hawaii.edu/LAS/>

Contact: Dr. Michael Wong, DVM (Veterinarian)

E-mail: wongmich@hawaii.edu

Description: Gain lab animal husbandry and research-related connections in a veterinary laboratory setting.

Process of Volunteering:

- 1) Contact Dr. Michael Wong at wongmich@hawaii.edu to inquire about volunteering. Schedule a day to meet-up.
- 2) Attend the volunteer meet-up and bring/complete a waiver form, TB clearance copy form, and a resume.
- 3) Complete the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program online courses at <https://www.citiprogram.org/>. Complete the courses in:
 - Investigators, Staff and Students: Initial Basic Course
 - Mice and Rats Course Bundle

- Question 3: Human Subjects Research (Exempt Researchers and Key Personnel)
- Question 5: Information Privacy and Security (IPS) (Exempt Researchers and Key Personnel)

Gentle Vets Hawaii Kai Pet Hospital

6650 Hawaii Kai Drive, Suite 105

Hawaii Kai, HI 96825

(808) 395-2020

Website: <http://www.gentlevetshawaii.com>

Contact: n/a

E-mail: gentlevets@yahoo.com

Hours of Operation: M-R from 8am - 6pm, Sa from 8am - 3pm

Description: Gentle Vets Hawaii Kai Pet Hospital is home for experienced veterinarians Dr's Joseph and Mariel Edhlund. Veterinarians Edhlund are established in East Oahu where they are known for their legendary client service and lifesaving veterinary medicine. Gentle Vets is looking for part time veterinary technicians who are interested in small animal medicine and emergency care. Little to no experience is required. If you're interested in applying, e-mail Gentle Vets and prepare your resume prior to your interview!

Kailua Animal Clinic

111 Hekili St., Suite 104

Kailua, HI 96734

(808) 263-8863

Website: <http://www.kailuaanimalclinic.com>

Contact: n/a

E-mail: contact@kailuaanimalclinic.com

Hours of Operation: M-Sa from 7am - 8pm

Description: A full-service animal hospital serving pets and their families in Hawaii on the Windward side of Oahu since 1987. Kailua Animal Clinic provides health care for all household pets, from cats and dogs to rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, reptiles, rodents, fish, and pot-bellied pigs! Part-time positions are open to students who are interested in working with small and exotic animals. Little experience is required and a flexible schedule can be made with the clinic.

Kama'aina Pet Hospital

820 West Hind Dr. #1224

Honolulu, HI 96821

(808) 373-3911

Website: <http://www.kamaainapethospital.com/>

Hours of Operation: Varied Hours, 7 days a week (not 24 hours)

Description: Volunteer and paid veterinary assistant/kennel/receptionist positions are available for pre-vet students that are interested in gaining experience in small animal medicine. In the hospital, kennel attendants do reception work as well as veterinary assistant work. Paid versus volunteer positions are dependent on experience and the number of hours the student can commit to working. All doctors enjoy teaching and it would be a great opportunity for someone who is interested in learning not only the technical aspects of veterinary medicine (blood draws, vaccine

schedules, patient assessment) but also the medicine behind the cases. Kama'aina Pet Hospital is primarily urgent and general veterinary care for small animals, but do see occasional birds and rabbits. The hospital is only 3 years old so most of our equipment is fairly new: digital radiographs, pulse ox and EKG monitoring for anesthesia, oxygen generator offering oxygen lines in every room for acute respiratory distress cases, surgery suite, ultrasound, etc.

King Street Pet Hospital

2016 S King St.
Honolulu, HI 96826
(808) 951-7777

Website: <http://www.kingstreetpethospital.com>

Contact: Susan Fukumoto (Officer Manager)

Hours of Operation: M-R 7am-7:30pm, F 7am-5:30pm, Sa&S 8am-3pm

Description: Looking for volunteers and work employees to come down to learn and fulfill tasks for the hospital (i.e. cleaning, sterilizing packs, laundry, fecal/lab work, and shadowing appointments/surgeries). If interested, please feel free to visit the office and fill out a volunteer form.

Pet Doctor

4400 Kalaniana'ole Hwy #6
Honolulu, HI 96821
(808) 733-8828

Website: n/a

Contact: Lori Ako (Office Manager)

Hours of Operation: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: Morning (930-1130), Afternoon (200-400) and Saturdays: 10 - noon and 2-3

Description: Part-Time positions are available at the Pet Doctor for students to gain a better knowledge of veterinary medicine in the clinical field. Students will be trained in everything from walking, grooming, client/examinations, restraining, prescriptions, dental cleaning, surgery preparation, and more! If you are interested, please walk-in to the Pet Doctor, located in Kahala (refer to address above).

Animal Experience:

Honolulu Zoo

151 Kapahulu Ave
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96815
(808) 971-7171

Website: <http://www.honolulu zoo.org/volunteer.html>

Contact: Barbara Thacker (Volunteer Coordinator)

E-mail: bthacker@honzoosoc.org

Hours of Operation: Daily 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Description: Gain some exposure to exotic/wildlife animals at a zoo. Looking for volunteers to help out in diverse sections of the zoo (i.e. vet clinic, reptile section, keiki zoo).

Process to Volunteering:

- 1) Contact Barbara Thacker at bthacker@honzoo.org.
- 2) Attend an In-Person Interview with the Director of Volunteers on any "Walk-In-Wednesday" or by appointment on selected Saturdays. Save time by filling out the [Volunteer Application](#) in advance.
- 3) Attend a Second Interview with the Zoo or HZS supervisor of the section that you and the Director of Volunteers agree makes the best match.
- 4) Attend a General Orientation & Volunteer Training offered bi-monthly on a Saturday and Sunday afternoon.
 - January 9-10, 2016 from 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Hawaiian Humane Society

2700 Waialae Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826
(808) 356-2200

Website: <http://www.hawaiianhumane.org>

Contact: Marielle Terbio

Email: hhs@hawaiianhumane.org

Description: Gain some animal experience at an animal shelter! Looking for volunteers that can help out in diverse areas (i.e. Animal Care Support, Animal Adoptions, Outreach).

Process to Volunteering:

- 1) Go to the Volunteer section of the Hawaiian Humane Society website link: <http://www.hawaiianhumane.org/Volunteer.html>.
- 2) Click on "Just for New Volunteers & Volunteer Positions at: <http://www.hawaiianhumane.org/NewVolunteers>.
- 3) Watch the General Volunteer Orientation Video.
- 4) Complete an online application and submit to the HHS Volunteer Coordinator.
- 5) Await for an e-mail from the volunteer coordinator about attending a volunteer orientation and training date. Respond back to the volunteer coordinator by scheduling your orientation date.
- 6) Attend the General Volunteer Orientation.

Equine 808

Kunia Loa Ridge Farms
P.O. Box 2817 Ewa Beach, HI 96706
(808) 590-1210

Website: <http://www.equine808.com/index.htm>

Contact: n/a

Email: Hawaii_Horses@equine808.com

Description: Volunteer to rehabilitate abused, neglected and unwanted horses at the Equine 808 Sanctuary! Help with caring, grooming, and exercising of the horses.

Process of Volunteering:

- 1) Contact Equine 808 at the Hawaii_Horses@equine808.com to inquire about volunteering.

- 2) Attend a Volunteer Orientation that is held every 1st Saturday of the month at 10am.

Hawaii Cat Foundation

47-024 Okana Place

Kaneohe, HI 96744

Website: <http://www.hicat.org/HCF/Home.html>

Contact: Christin Matsushige (Volunteer Coordinator)

E-mail: hawaiicatfoundation@yahoo.com

Description: Love cats? The HCF is looking for volunteers who can assist at their cat shelter in Kaneohe! You will have the opportunity to assist in cleaning, maintenance, and veterinary assistance care for cats. Cats are friendly and welcome all volunteers and visitors in the catteries.

Process to Volunteering:

- 1) Contact Christin Matsushige at hawaiicatfoundation@yahoo.com.
- 2) Meet with Christin at the Hawaii Cat Foundation Sanctuary at the designated address.

Paws & Recreation

PO Box 894031, Mililani, HI 96789

(808) 202-0718

Website: <http://pawsandrecreation.wix.com/pawsandrecreation>

Contact: Tanya Nichols

E-mail: pawsandrecreation@gmail.com

Description: A pet care business that addresses the needs of clients fur family in the comforts of their home by providing all basic animal care while on vacation, traveling for business, or working. These services can include dog walking, pet sitting, medications and more! Paws and Recreation is looking for individuals who are interested in pet care and are able to work part-time.

Therapeutic Horsemanship of Hawai`i

Waimanalo Polo Field (Refer [here](#) for directions)

Website: <http://www.thhwaimanalo.org>

Contact: Dana Vennen (Executive Director)

E-mail: dana@thhwaimanalo.org

Description: THH is a equine volunteer opportunity for individuals who are interested in learning more about equine care and management. To learn more about THH, contact Dana or visit the THH website!