



The Native America Humane Society

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Job Description: Tribal Animal Legal Code Database Research Intern

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Apply: Submit cover letter and resume to Diana Webster, diana@nativeamericahumane.org

Purpose

A legal research intern for the Native America Humane Society's Tribal Animal Legal Code Database Project shall assist in the research of tribal animal legal codes. Each intern will be assigned a region within the United States to research and gather animal codes from tribal communities. The gathered codes will then be compiled into a database, which shall be hosted by Michigan State University School of Law.

Interns shall report all findings to the Lead Project Coordinator and Project Manager. Interns shall assist for a minimum of ten (10) weeks through the summer of 2016.

Skills and Qualifications

Required abilities and dispositions:

- High personal motivation, self-management, and detail-orientation; ability to take responsibility in meeting deadlines and making progress without direct supervision.
- Strong verbal and written communications skills.
- Developed legal research skills.
- Capacity and motivation to learn research techniques and work routines quickly.
- Highly dependable, reliable, and ability to follow through on all assignments and tasks.

Preferred additional qualities:

- Strong existing computer skills with Microsoft Office products, general Internet, and electronic communications.
- Articulate and tactful communications skills; readiness to meet and work directly with project staff via phone, Skype, or Internet calls.

Responsibilities

- Handle and protect confidential and sensitive data discreetly and with integrity.
- Conduct research and analysis for legal code data collection project.
- Prepare print documents using Word and other software programs.
- Perform other duties as assigned or needed.

Position Details

- Unpaid volunteer position.
- Generally flexible hours.

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NATIVE AMERICA HUMANE SOCIETY

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ABOUT US

The Native America Humane Society (NAHS) is composed of tribal members and their allies assisting tribal communities to resolve their challenges with animals. NAHS acts as the bridge between tribal communities and animal welfare service providers, NGOs, foundations, and other agencies. Our mission is to empower Native communities to become healthier, happier and safer by providing information, support and resources for animal care programs in Indian country.

OUR APPROACH

NAHS works with tribes to improve the lives of community members and their animals through regular animal care, population management, and community activities. Our programs honor and respect the diverse cultures and traditions, as well as the sovereign status, of Native communities. Each tribe is unique and each has unique animal challenges. NAHS therefore works with each tribe to determine how best to resolve these challenges in a long-term, sustainable, and community-led fashion. The NAHS subscribes to the philosophy of One Welfare, which means that the health of a community's animals reflects the health of the community. When a community works to address animal welfare issues, there is a positive effect on the community's social issues as well. We believe that by healing our animals we can heal our people.

OUR VISION

NAHS will work with any tribe or indigenous community that requests assistance. Our Taking Care of the Animals framework for community programs offers three streams of engagement for communities at any level of capacity and interest: basic animal health care service provision, community organizing to empower community-led programs, or an engagement framework for larger change, Humane Community Development®. The core mission of Taking Care of the Animals is to get communities excited about their animals and to see animals in a different way — as valued partners in development and healing rather than a problem.

OUR CORE TEAM

Diana Webster, President/CEO, is an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe in Northern Minnesota. She is a licensed California attorney and business professional.

Dr. Tolani Francisco (Pueblo of Laguna) Head Veterinarian and Director of Executive Committee for Veterinary Services and Public Health, is a District 6 Epidemiology Officer for the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services in the Colorado Office.

Marilou Chanrasmi, Vice President, Community Healing Programs, co-founded Minnesota Partnership for Animal Welfare (a coalition of 30+ animal welfare groups) in 2009 and Leech Lake Legacy (an animal welfare organization serving Leech Lake Reservation) in 2011.