



Ringworm Cat Care Specialist

Austin Pets Alive! in Austin, Texas, is seeking a dedicated and passionate individual to fill the role of Ringworm Cat Care Specialist. This is an exciting opportunity to work with one of the nation's leading organizations in the No-Kill movement!

Austin Pets Alive! (APA) has saved some 40,000 companion animals since 2008 through its innovative and lifesaving programs, along with the partnerships it has developed with other local shelters. As a result of APA's work, Austin, Texas, is able to save over 96% of the cats that enter its municipal shelter. Austin is a leader in the No-Kill movement, and Austin Pets Alive is looking for additional support to help expand its lifesaving work.

This position will report to the Ringworm Manager and to the Cat Program Manager.

The Ringworm Cat Care Specialist provides essential support to the APA! Ringworm Cat Program. The Care Specialist will help oversee the day-to-day care and treatment of cats in the ringworm program, ensuring that each cat is receiving prompt medical care, assisting with their ringworm treatment, providing enrichment and socialization, and assisting with ringworm adoptions and other tasks as the need arises.

This is an exciting opportunity to work in a community saving over 96% of cats with focus on the most behaviorally and medically challenged felines. Cats with ringworm are one of the most at-risk groups of animals in other shelters, and this position will play a large role in supporting the APA! ringworm program and saving these cats. The Care Specialist will receive ongoing education, training, and mentoring under one of the nation's leading teams.

Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Administer necessary medications to cats in ringworm program, including oral, topical, and injectable treatments.
- Administer preventatives and vaccines to ringworm cats according to schedule.
- Liaise with the APA! Medical Clinic to report medical needs and concerns for cats in the Ringworm Program.
- Assist with medical needs of cats who are medically or behaviorally challenged.
- Assist with socialization and enrichment of ringworm cats, including fractious, scared, and undersocialized cats.
- Assist with inquiries from visitors to the Ringworm Adoption Center.
- Assist with ringworm adoptions during high-volume times or other circumstances when adoption counselors are not available.
- Observe and track weights, eating habits, and stool quality of cats in Ringworm Adoption Center.

- Ensure ringworm cats have access to fresh food and water, clean and comfortable bedding, and a hygienic environment. Assist with cleaning cat enclosures and kennels when kennel technicians are unable to complete tasks.
- Assist with sulfur bath treatment of resident and foster cats when necessary.
- Lead with positivity and professionalism at all times towards APA, our staff/volunteers/fosters, cats, and the public.

Required Qualifications:

- Able to safely perform basic physical tasks associated with cat care: safely reaching cats in high and low places, reaching into enclosures, lifting loads <30 lbs, standing and walking for a majority of the work day, etc.
- High level of organizational ability, able to take instruction well, able to prioritize multiple varied tasks and make decisions under pressure. Able to problem solve, work independently, and think creatively.
- Able to assist with hands-on medical care of cats; experience administering medications including injectables. Experience humanely working with cats of all temperaments.
- Basic computer literacy; Internet access, familiarity with Google products, spreadsheets, willingness to learn to use shelter software to find and report information.
- Ability to effectively communicate and collaborate well with a broad population including fosters, volunteers, and staff. Outstanding customer service and interpersonal skills required.
- Ability to work on varied days with a varied schedule, including work on weekends and holidays.
- Commitment to the mission of Austin Pets Alive! and the strong desire to work with the Ringworm Cat Program and increase its life-saving capacity.

All job offers at Austin Pets Alive! are contingent upon positive reference and background checks, and all applicants must consent to a drug test upon an offer of employment. New employees are subject to a 90-day probation period.

Compensation rate for this position is \$11/hr. This is an hourly, full time position eligible for benefits including health, dental, and vision insurance; plus paid time off.