**BluePearl Specialty + Emergency Pet Hospital**

**Seattle Market MSW INTERN PROGRAM**

**Position Description:**

The MSW intern will report directly to the Regional Veterinary Social Worker. The intern will provide direct services and emotional support to clients (pet guardians) of the hospital and make referrals to community resources when necessary. At times, consultation and psychoeducation to the associates will be requested.

**Initial Intern Hours Available: Flexible**

**Responsibilities:**

1. Meet with clients or make follow-up contact as requested by associates to provide short term, supportive counseling during patient (pet) emergency, hospitalization, or specialty appointments.

2. Support clients during quality of life and end-of-life decision making for their pet, and during euthanasia if requested.

3. Provide brief pet loss emotional support and grief education/support to clients.

4. Link clients with community resources; follow-up on referrals as indicated.

5. Administer assessment tools to associates as needed, including but not limited to anxiety, depression, suicidal ideations, quality of life.

6. Provide information and consultation to staff as needed re: clients or distressing scenarios (debriefings).

7. Present on topics relevant to veterinary industry (compassion fatigue, communication, self-care).

8. Maintain proficient documentation as required by hospital policy.

**Qualifications:**

1. Must be pursuing graduate studies in the field of social work.

2. Must possess a non-judgmental attitude with an engaging personality.

3. Must have a high level of independence and desire to take initiative.

4. Must demonstrate a value system that is in accordance with the interests of the hospital and clientele served (NASW Code of Ethics).

5. Must be able to adhere to program policies/procedures (confidentiality, boundaries, professionalism, etc).