

# INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

## Hanna Harshell

**Graduation Semester & Year:** Spring 2022

**Semester & Year of Internship:** Spring 2021

**Major:** Bachelor of Science in Management

**Minor:** N/A

**Hobbies:** Photography, Volunteering & Paddle boarding

**Campus Activities:**

**Future Plans/Career Goals:** To own my own dog boarding kennel

**Hometown:** Irwin, PA



- **Internship (company/your title):**  
Pet Friends Inc. Of Irwin
- **How did you find your internship?**  
I had already volunteered at Pet Friends for 3 years in a different area of the rescue.
- **What were your duties?**  
I was the Assistant Dog Coordinator, which included processing all of the applications that we received on the dogs. I also kept records of the applications and kept in contact with the applicants and adopters.
- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**  
On average 15-10 hours, depending on how many dogs we had at the kennel.
- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**  
My favorite part was taking dogs on outings so they could get a break from the shelter, the picture above is of me and Remi, a Catahoula Leopard Dog that I brought into the rescue. Being able to send the applicants pictures on the dogs out of their element was the best.
- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**  
Deciding who could adopt the dog they applied for was the hardest part. We always got multiple applicants and knowing that I was the deciding factor on who the dog went home with was scary.
- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Bachelor of Science in Management department prepare you for your internship?**  
They constantly reminded me of internship opportunities and what they could add to our educational experience.
- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**  
Wanting to own a dog boarding kennel, I now have a general idea of how much behind the scenes work it takes. It gave me a sense of how much time is spent communicating with adopters and clients, on top of all the time it takes to spend with the animals individually.
- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**  
Do it! I would not do a paid internship, only because I think it would seem more like a job rather than a learning experience. If you can find a non-profit organization that will give you a taste of what you want to do for your career, take advantage! I know my career goal is a bit different than most, but if there is a will there is a way!

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