

# Pima Animal Care Center Program Proposal

## I. Summary of Request

Program Title: PACC University of Arizona Veterinary Medicine Coalition Program

Working Title: PAV Program (pronounced “pave”)

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## II. Program Description

Mission: Harness the capabilities of Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) infrastructure and University of Arizona College of Veterinary Medicine students to help the people and pets of Pima County, while also supplementing the training of the next generation of Veterinarians.

Overview: Pima Animal Care Center will onboard Veterinary students as volunteers, working around their school schedule. All training and experiential learning at PACC aims to immerse students in shelter medicine, shelter operations, One Health model, and Human Animal Support Services model. The student rotational schedule is designed to align with the University of Arizona College of Veterinary Medicine curriculum through year 1, 2, and 3. Year 1 has a heavy emphasis on Community Outreach and understanding the Tucson community as a whole. We believe this is imperative, in order to best serve the people and pets of Pima County.

Depts. Involved: Community Outreach, Volunteer, Clinic, Admissions, Behavior, Animal Protection Services, One Health, and Management.

### III. Rotational Schedule

Bullet points indicate new experiences for that year. This is a build-on program. Meaning, Veterinary students can continue, and are encouraged to continue, participation in activities introduced in prior years.

<b>Veterinary College Year</b>	<b>Activities at PACC</b>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Onboarding with PACC Volunteer Manager and/or Volunteer Coordinator: online training to become a volunteer.</li> <li>● Online Community Outreach training (must receive a passing assessment to continue).</li> <li>● Shadow Community Outreach Specialist/Manager at PACC and outreach in the community. This will be an immersive and comprehensive training on PACC, Tucson culture, Tucson community, and the unique challenges people may face in our county.</li> <li>● Handle animals at Community Outreach events and work with Outreach team to identify primary diagnoses. Trim nails, insert microchips, and provide general wellness care to animals. Refer animals to local veterinarians for further care. Share information on Spay/Neuter options and refer clients to free/ low cost resources.</li> <li>● Shadow Outreach specialist and participate in Neighborhood Outreach program in the community (pandemic regulations permitting).</li> <li>● Question and Answer session once a semester with one high-level member of PACC leadership to better understand shelter operations and structure. For example: Director, Deputy Director, Shelter Manager, Medical Director/ Lead Veterinarian, etc.</li> <li>● Participate in at least two “ride-alongs” with Animal Protection Services (pandemic regulations permitting).</li> <li>● Clinic training with clinic manager.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introduction to clinical work: performing clinical duties at PACC Veterinarian discretion.</li> <li>● Attend Community Outreach Vaccine and Microchip clinics and administer vaccines, insert microchips, administer basic medical care (at the direction of a PACC veterinarian).</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shadow and work with PACC Behavior Manager, Adult Dog Case Manager, and all other members of behavior team to facilitate playgroup, behavior assessments, adult dog case management, and enrichment. Minimum 4-week commitment with Behavior team to account for appropriate training and immersion.</li> <li>● Shadow Pima County Public Health Nurse as they conduct work with people exhibiting animal hoarding tendencies.</li> <li>● Participate in PACC clinic duties to a greater degree.</li> <li>● Attend/ participate in surgeries conducted at PACC at the discretion of PACC veterinarians. Surgeries may include, spay, neuter, enucleation, entropion correction, orthopedic repairs, amputations, exploratory surgeries, and many more.</li> <li>● Meet with Pima Animal Care Center One Health researcher regarding current work.</li> <li>● Focus on neonate care and euthanasia requests by following these animals through Admissions triage and clinic. Engage with the public in these animal admissions and work with the veterinarian to provide the best care and clinical decision-making (This can begin during Year 1 summer to align with “Cycle of Life” course curriculum).</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Participate in clinical work to an even greater degree. We know Year 3 has a completely clinical focus, so we want to work with students to tailor their Year 3 experience to their unique interests (Do they want to specialize? Do they LOVE animal behavior/ neurology? Do they only want to be in the community? We will work with them).</li> </ul>

