



WildCare Wildlife Rehabilitation Hospital Intern Position Description

Job Title: Intern
Department: Wildlife Hospital
Supervisor: Assistant Director of Animal Care

WILDCARE – ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

WildCare is an environmental education and wildlife rehabilitation center located in Marin County, California. Our wildlife hospital cares for ill, orphaned or injured wild animals, while our education department helps children—and adults—learn how to make room for our forest and shoreline friends within our environment. Over 300 volunteers provide the resources necessary to take care of more than 3,000 animals in our San Rafael hospital. Other volunteers provide classes and nature hikes to more than 40,000 children and adults throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Intern works closely with the Hospital staff and volunteers in all aspects of animal care and rehabilitation. The Intern will learn basic animal husbandry, natural history and entry level medical techniques. The Intern must feel comfortable working in a collaborative environment, with equal sensitivity to the care of the animals and the needs and requirements of the volunteers and staff.

RESPONSIBILITIES

ANIMAL CARE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Learn and practice all aspects of animal care in a wildlife rehabilitation hospital atmosphere
- Assist hospital staff with daily animal care, including cleaning and feeding, treatments, therapies and lab work.
- Report any concern about patients, provide requested data and make recommendations for care.
- Under supervision, admit and diagnose patients.
- Maintain a high level of safety while working and train others accordingly.

TERM REQUIREMENTS

- A commitment of 24 hours a week minimum for the duration of the three month term
- Interns will be involved in all aspects of patient care. In addition, each intern will be assigned a minimum of one individual patient that is solely their responsibility.
- Weekly module readings and quizzes as assigned from intern manual.
- Strict adherence to agreed upon work schedule for length of term.
- Attendance at Volunteer Supervisor and Medical Staff meetings.
- Successful completion of final exam.

QUALIFICATIONS & DESIRED CHARACTERISTICS

- A WildCare Level II or higher volunteer, a current student of, or someone with work experience in biology, zoology, veterinary medicine, animal health care or related field is *preferred but not required*.
- Team player, ability to work well and communicate with the public, staff and volunteers.
- Dependable, honest, self-motivated, positive and outgoing.
- Ability to follow directions as well as ability to work with minimal supervision when necessary.
- Ability to work well under pressure and multi-task.
- Good sense of humor!

Please contact WildCare at 415-453-1000 x27 for more information and instructions on how to apply, or email internship@wildcarebayarea.org