

## Internship/Externship Opportunities: Animal Care Program

### Overview:

Animal Care Interns learn and perform the fundamentals of Wildlife Rehabilitation, including daily cleaning, feeding and care of wild patients, helping staff with admissions, triage and treatment procedures and aiding with releases and rescues.

This internship is designed for individuals pursuing studies in pre-veterinary medicine, fish and wildlife management, zoology, conservation biology and related fields.

### Job Responsibilities/Expectations:

- Learn and execute proper techniques for **animal handling and medical administration** through one-on-one training with staff
- Assist animal care staff with **intake and physical examination** of new patients
- Work well with staff and volunteers to complete required **animal care tasks including but not limited to cleaning and feeding of animals in care**
- Understand and **manage animal care priorities** during the busy baby animal season
- Demonstrate and maintain accurate records and care logs
- **Good communication skills:** Be observant and communicate changes or issues in health status or behavior of wildlife patients
- Take a **leadership role in mentoring** new volunteers in animal care and cleaning
- Describe Wildlife Rescue Center services positively, accurately, and concisely when communicating with the public
- Attend monthly intern meetings
- Research and plan one independent project to address care needs of patient(s). TBD
- Self-directed use of non direct-animal care time to do **daily routine supportive tasks** such as laundry, dishes, cage wash, sweeping, and mopping
- Participate in preparation for and assist with Wildlife Rescue Center Events and Programs (eg. Spring Tails, Open House, Summer Camp, etc.)
- Arrive on-time and prepared for all scheduled shifts

### Training:

- Volunteer Orientation
- Skills workshops
- Hands on training with staff and senior volunteers

### Qualifications:

- At least 18 years of age
- Possess a positive attitude; be a team player and exhibit a strong attention to detail
- Ability to communicate clearly verbally and in writing with staff and volunteer team
- Ability to do rigorous outdoor work in all types of weather
- Ability to perform physically demanding tasks and lift up to 50 pounds

- Ability to work calmly and efficiently in a fast-paced, sometimes intense environment
- Willingness to learn and accept supervision and constructive feedback

**Terms of Internship:**

- Minimum 12 week commitment, approximately 24 hour work week is expected; schedule will be determined between supervisory staff and intern.
- Must pay Volunteer membership fee of \$28 (covering cost of training materials, T shirt and supplies)
- Must attend Volunteer Orientation and R1 Animal Care Training Course (3 hrs)
- Interns must provide their own transportation
- Interns must arrange for their own housing
- Intern positions are unpaid

**To apply:**

- Submit your resume, 3 references (or 2 written recommendations), and a cover letter to [rrivard@mowildlife.org](mailto:rrivard@mowildlife.org) detailing why you would like to intern with the Wildlife Rescue Center and how this internship/externship fits with your future professional goals.
  - Include season for desired internship:
    - Summer: May - August
    - Fall: August - November
    - Spring: February - May