

Internship Qualifications

This internship at Second Chances Wildlife Center will provide on-the-job training in the daily essentials of operating a busy wildlife center and basic wildlife rehabilitation skills. Interns work part-time under the supervision of certified wildlife rehabilitators to perform animal husbandry duties and medical treatments. Some of the skills interns acquire include enclosure set-up and proper animal handling, tube feeding of mammals, administering medication, vaccinating, performing possible lab work, and various other procedures.

Requirements

All applicants must be self-motivated individuals with a sincere interest in working with wildlife and the ability to enthusiastically work long hours. Attention to detail, punctuality, initiative and a strong desire to learn are required. Interns are provided with a unique, friendly learning environment and opportunities to assist staff with possible lab work, examination and treatment procedures.

The internship is intense, physically demanding, fast-paced and repetitive, giving interns the opportunity to learn about many aspects of wildlife rehabilitation.

Responsibilities

- Preparing food/diets for wildlife
- Proper cleaning and disinfection of enclosures
- Administering medications and fluids
- Safe handling and restraint of wildlife while treatments are performed - Assist with intake procedures for new patients
- Cleaning and watering of kennels and cages
- Lifting and hauling items up to 40lbs, including trash and recycling
- Opportunity to work in rescue/release

Qualifications

- An independent learner able to quickly adapt to new and fast paced situations
- A motivated self-starter who is mature, responsible and reliable
- A hard worker that is not afraid of long hours
- A strong team player (interns will work extensively with centre volunteers)
- Physically fit - work can be physically demanding and may involve heavy lifting of supplies or animals - Basic knowledge of Kentucky wildlife species an asset
- Demonstrated interest or education in wildlife rehabilitation, conservation, biology, ecology or zoology - Volunteer experience in wildlife rehabilitation, wildlife management or animal care is beneficial but not required
- Must be driven, possess a sincere interest in working with wildlife, and able to handle a demanding workload and perform in a fast-paced environment
- Ability to do outdoor work in all types of weather

Hours of work:

Approximately 20 hours per week, includes evenings and weekends. Exact times and days to be determined by center Director and Intern.

All internship positions are voluntary, no stipend or salary is offered, and accommodation is not provided.

Sessions Available:

Summer: May-August

Application Process:

Cover letter, resume, 1 professional reference letter and 1 page maximum of why you want to work in wildlife rehabilitation.

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