



Position: Wildlife Rehabilitation Internships
Hours: Varied, see detail below
Dates: All year, see detail below
Applications due: 3 months before anticipated start

WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of BC (Wildlife Rescue) is seeking applicants for internships working with injured, orphaned and pollution-damaged wild animals. Upon completion of the internship, the participant will have a basic knowledge of wildlife rehabilitation and the treatment of injured and orphaned wild animals.

Wildlife Rescue is the largest rehabilitator of urban wildlife in BC, and now receives over 5,000 wild animals from up to 150 species each year. With over 37 years of experience in the field of wildlife care and rehabilitation, WRA offers outstanding opportunities for learning about the care and husbandry of a wide variety of wild animals.

Internships provide an educational and vocational experience that exposes interns to a variety of roles and responsibilities in a stimulating and dynamic working environment. The training and development of interns will be supervised and assessed by relevant staff.

Our Internship positions are voluntary (unpaid). Successful applicants will need to arrange their own accommodation and transport to our site on the south side of Burnaby Lake.

Commitment

During January-April and September-December a commitment of 24-40 hours a week is required with a commitment of 1-4 months. Shifts are 8am-4pm or 10am-6pm. During May-August a commitment of 40 hours a week is required with a commitment of either 2 months or 4 months. Shifts are 7:30am-3:30pm or 2:00-10:00pm.

Qualifications & Responsibilities

The nature and demands of the role require applicants to meet the following criteria

- Minimum age of 16
- Minimum commitment of two consecutive months of work
- Current tetanus vaccination
- Demonstrated fluency in speaking, reading and writing English
- Good health and fitness – can perform physically demanding tasks, such as cleaning and lifting (up to 40lbs), and working outdoors in all weathers
- Able to work a flexible schedule, including evenings, weekends and holidays
- Able to learn quickly and perform varied tasks in a fast-paced work environment
- Able to perform repetitive/tedious tasks for extended periods of time
- Able to laugh and remain focused on our goals!

Wildlife Rescue will work with successful applicants to schedule exact dates of internships. All interns receive a 2-week probationary review.



Duties may include*:

- Maintaining equipment, facilities and supplies
- Working in collaboration with and/or supervising volunteers
- Assisting with Helpline and volunteer coordination duties
- Daily animal diet preparations, including food, nutritional supplements and drugs
- Daily cleaning of work areas and animal enclosures
- Daily feeding and care of animals in rehabilitation program
- Feeding and cleaning of fledgling and nestling birds
- Administering medications, tube feedings, basic fracture and wound management
- Maintaining animal clinical and husbandry records

[*These lists are a guide; interns may not be asked/able to complete all listed duties.]

Internships can be used for academic or vocational purposes, but interns are solely responsible for making arrangements for receiving relevant credit(s) from completion of an internship. Relevant post-secondary education (veterinary/biological/environmental sciences) would be an asset. Previous wildlife experience is helpful but not mandatory. Pre-existing practical experience in an animal care setting would also be an advantage.

A project will be chosen to be carried out during the internship with the purpose of improving the quality of care at the Wildlife Hospital. The Assistant Wildlife Hospital Manager will select a project together with the intern and provide guidance during the project.

Application Process

Interested individuals are required to send the following application materials to:

recruitment@wildliferescue.ca (documents in PDF format) with **2017 Intern Application** as the subject.

- cover letter (with details of availability); and
- resume (with 3 reference contact details, at least one professional);
- an essay describing your career aspirations and how a Wildlife Rescue internship would help you achieve those goals (500 words in length); and
- if you are applying from outside the Lower Mainland, please describe how you will find accommodation and travel to work.

We have a limited number of internships available. Please keep to the following application deadlines:

| Intern Placement | Commitment | Duration | Application Deadline |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|
| January-April | 24 – 40 hours a week* | 1-4 months | None |
| May-June | 40 hours a week* | 2 months | March 24 th |
| May-August | 40 hours a week* | 4 months | March 24 th |
| July-August | 40 hours a week* | 2 months | May 1 st |
| September-December | 24 – 40 hours a week* | 1-4 months | None |

Please be advised that only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews, but Wildlife Rescue would like to thank all applicants in advance for their interest.

* Based on 8-hour work days