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Wildlife Rehabilitation Center



NC Zoo Wildlife Rehabilitation Junior Internship Application

Wildlife rehabilitation is the care of sick, injured, and/or orphaned native wildlife for return back into the wild, in a condition that will optimize their chances of survival. Interns assist with the routine daily care of wildlife patients and resident animals. Intern duties include but are not limited to husbandry and feeding, admitting patients, answering phones & record keeping. Interns may have the opportunity to assist with medical tasks, as ordered by the Veterinary staff, such as administering treatments, helping with radiographs & assisting with surgeries. In addition, interns may participate in research, special projects, tours, training, building/maintenance & animal rescues.

Prospective interns must be in high school and between the ages of 16-18 years old, a rising sophomore, junior, or senior. They must be able to lift a minimum of 50lbs., bend, stoop, stand for periods of at least 30-minute intervals, walk on variable substrate, work in all climatic conditions, be able to read & follow instructions, communicate clearly, perform simple calculations & have dependable transportation.

This position may not be suitable for individuals who are immune suppressed and/or pregnant. Persons who are hearing, sight, or speech impaired should bring this to the attention of the Supervisor so reasonable accommodations can be made.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Email Address: _____

High School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Internship applying for

8 Week Unpaid Internships:

This internship is a minimum of 6 weeks, 80 hours, two 6-hour shifts per week plus 2-hour trainings every week

Must be available to work a set schedule alternating between opening and closing shifts, weekends and holidays included

- Summer Only (mid-June through July), Application Deadline: April 5th 4 positions available

Application Packet:

All the following items MUST be mailed together in ONE application packet. Incomplete packets will not be considered.

- Internship Application (this form)
- Letter of intent detailing what you hope to gain from the internship (cover letter)
- Two personal references including name, relationship, phone number & email (not letters)
- Two letters of recommendation – at least 1 faculty (letters sent separately will not be accepted)
- Proof of current tetanus immunization (*within the last 10 years*)
- Proof of pre-exposure rabies immunization or current rabies antibody titer (*within two years & >1:5*)
Rabies vaccinations are not required for unpaid interns and therefore no proof is needed unless already vaccinated

___Yes ___No Have you been convicted of an offense, other than a minor traffic violation, within the past five years?

Email completed packets to nczoo.wildliferehab@nczoo.org

Please do not contact the North Carolina Zoo's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center for application status updates.

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