



Job Posting: Seasonal Wildlife Rehabilitator/Veterinary Assistant January 2024

The Wildlife Center of Virginia is an internationally acclaimed teaching and research hospital for wildlife and conservation medicine, located in Waynesboro, Virginia, in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley. The Center's mission is to "teach the world to care about and care for wildlife and the environment." Since its founding in 1982, the Center has cared for nearly 100,000 wild animals, representing 200 species of native birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. The current annual caseload averages about 3,800 patients.

The Wildlife Center has a professional staff of about 30 individuals who work together in the veterinary, outreach, development, and operations departments. While each of these departments carries out different functions, all staff work closely together as a team to support one another and the Center's overall mission.

Position Description

Seasonal rehabilitators/vet assistants help with animal care and daily center operations during the busy spring and summer season, when the Center may be admitting between 20-40 patients a day. This position reports to the Director of Veterinary Services, and will work with the veterinary and rehabilitation team.

Duties and Responsibilities (training provided)

- Work as part of a team to complete daily patient treatments, including preparation and administration of medication
- Provide support to other hospital staff as needed, including patient restraint, cage cleaning, cage set up, diet preparation and other husbandry
- Help with daily center operation and maintenance, including general cleaning, restocking, completion of daily patient records, and autoclaving
- Maintain treatment and animal care areas to ensure they are clean and organized
- Assist with rehabilitation tasks, including diet preparation, feeding orphaned animals, etc
- Other duties, responsibilities, and special projects, as requested

Required Qualifications

- Commitment to wildlife, conservation, and the environment
- Professional appearance and demeanor
- 2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccine
- Minimum of High-school Diploma or equivalent
- Valid driver's license
- Ability to lift/carry equipment and animals up to 50pounds
- Rabies pre-exposure vaccine series and/or titer within the last 2 years are required before starting

Preferred Qualifications

- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to prioritize tasks and complete them efficiently
- Experience working with animals is required, experience with wildlife is preferred
- Demonstrated ability to handle diverse, competing tasks independently, efficiently and flexibly
- Attention to detail
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills



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Salary & Benefits

Weekend and holiday work is required. Schedule will be four 10-hour days per week, but five 8-hour days may also be needed depending on the season and workload, for a total of 40 hours per week. Compensation provided is \$15.75 /hour. Position start and end date may be flexible depending on candidate availability, however start dates of March or April running through August or September are preferred.

To Apply:

Send your résumé, cover letter and three references to Dr. Karra Pierce (kpierce@wildlifecenter.org) or mail to:

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No phone calls, please. Center phone lines are best kept open for wildlife emergencies.

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