

Wildlife Rehabilitation Intern Position

Position_description:

The Lindsay Wildlife Museum is located in Walnut Creek, California, about 40 miles east of San Francisco. We are licensed by the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. With a caseload of some 5,400 wild animals each year, we are one of the largest rehabilitation centers in California.

The goal of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Program is to return injured and orphaned native wild animals back to their natural habitats. To give them a good chance for survival after release, our patients are kept as wild as possible: animals are handled only when necessary for feeding, cleaning and medical care; infant animals are raised with others of their own species and are not socialized by humans. We treat all species of native wildlife except skunks; most of our patients are birds, but we also see mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

Interns are a very important part of the wildlife rehabilitation program. Working closely with rehabilitation staff and volunteers, they quickly become skilled care givers who contribute to the successes we see in our program. This program is designed for people with beginning to intermediate rehabilitation skills. Previous rehabilitation experience is not required. Training for interns begins with classroom work, followed by hands-on training. Our interns report that they find their time spent here to be extremely valuable and rewarding.

Intern Job Description

Spring and summer are the busiest season for the Lindsay Wildlife Rehabilitation Program; we often receive over 50 animals in one day. The interns' role is to help us care for our patients and to help the public with their wildlife questions. The job is intense, fast-paced and repetitive. Interns are given the opportunity to learn about all aspects of wildlife rehabilitation with hands-on experiences.

Job Duties (after training)

Hand feeding baby birds and mammals.

Managing the care of neonatal birds.

Housekeeping chores including cage cleaning, laundry and keeping the hospital clean.

Answering telephone calls about nuisance wildlife, injured wildlife and accession check ups.

Abilities and Experience Required

Ability to work well both independently and with others.

Ability to do tedious and repetitive tasks for long periods of time.

Able to lift 40 pounds and stand on a concrete floor for most of the day.

Able to follow directions.

Science background preferred.

Commitment

28 hours per week for 6 months, April through September, with evening and weekend work required. There will be required scheduled training sessions though the summer.

Apply

Applications are available November through February. Deadline for application is February 28 each year. For an application or for more information,

see <http://www.wildlife-museum.org/getinvolved/employment/?id=4>.

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