



Position: Wildlife Internships
Hours: Full-time, flexible schedule
Dates: Spring & Summer 2012

WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of BC (WRA) is seeking applicants for internships working with injured, orphaned and pollution-damaged wild animals in 2012. Internships require a full-time commitment of 40 hours per week for at least 2 months in the period of May-August 2012. At the end of this time, the intern will have a basic knowledge of wildlife rehabilitation and the treatment of injured and orphaned wild animals.

WRA is the largest rehabilitator of urban wildlife in BC, and receives an annual average of around 3,000 wild animals from up to 150 species. With over 30 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 are timed to coincide with the facility's busy season, when most of the annual animal caseload is admitted for care. Internships provide an educational and vocational experience that exposes interns to a variety of roles and responsibilities in a stimulating and dynamic work environment. The training and development of interns will be supervised and assessed by relevant staff.

Internship positions are voluntary and accommodation is not provided.

Qualifications & Responsibilities

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

- Minimum age of 16
- Minimum commitment of 2 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 40 lbs), 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!

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 be an advantage.

There are 2 types of internship available:

- **Junior Wildlife Internship** (2 months): May-June, July-August
- **Senior Wildlife Internship** (4 months): May-August

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

Duties may include*:

Junior Wildlife Interns (2 months)

- Maintaining equipment, facilities and supplies
- Working in collaboration with volunteers
- 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

Senior Wildlife Interns (4 months)

- All the duties and responsibilities of a Junior Wildlife Intern
- Working with the public
- Assisting with clinical examinations and diagnostic sampling
- Opportunity to assist in diagnosis using digital x-ray technology
- Assisting with oil-spill baths, surgical procedures and necropsies
- Handling of birds of prey and mammals
- Assisting with wildlife assessments and releases
- Other activities relating to WRA's operations, subject to supervisory discretion

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

Application Process

Interested individuals are required to send the following application materials:

- Cover letter (with details of availability)
- Resume (with 3 reference contact details, at least one professional)
- An essay describing your career aspirations and how this internship would help you achieve those goals (1 page in length); if you are applying from outside of the Lower Mainland, please describe how you will find accommodation and travel to work

Please send application materials to:

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Only a limited number of internships are available. **Applications must be received by March 1, 2012 for internships beginning in May, and by May 1, 2011 for internships beginning in July. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview, but WRA thanks all applicants in advance for their interest.**