



## Wildlife Care Assistant

**Hours:** 24-32 hours/week  
**Dates:** 6 - 16 weeks contracts, between April 25<sup>th</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Pay:** \$15.20/hour (\$15.65/hour per June 1st)  
**Closing:** once all positions have been filled

**Are you passionate about working with animals? Interested in pursuing a career in wildlife rehabilitation? Are you a team player who thrives in a fast-paced environment?**

We are seeking enthusiastic, hard-working applicants (aged 15-30) for the position of Wildlife Care Assistant to perform essential animal care duties in our Wildlife Hospital. This is an exciting and dynamic role that involves working directly with our avian patients as well as creating and maintaining their enrichment and enclosures.

Established in 1979, Wildlife Rescue Association of BC is a leader in the rehabilitation of wild animals and is committed to educating the public on how to coexist peacefully with wildlife. Located in Burnaby, BC, we are western Canada's busiest wildlife rehabilitation centre, with over 6,000 animal patients admitted each year.

### Responsibilities

- Caring for wildlife patients - feeding and cleaning, health reporting, specialized diet preparation
- Researching and creating species-specific protocols and enrichment
- Training, guidance, and supervision of volunteers
- Assisting senior staff with medical care of wildlife patients
- Researching and writing educational pieces about wildlife in care for publication on our website, newsletters, and social media
- Participating in other projects as needed

**Positions are made available through the federal Canada Summer Jobs program, administered by Service Canada. To be eligible, applicants MUST:**

- Be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of employment.
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration & Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the employment; and
- Have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial legislation and regulations.

We want to hear from you if you have the following **essential** qualifications:

- Experience working in a fast-paced, dynamic environment

- Excellent communication, organization and time management skills
- Ability to prioritize and problem-solve
- Willingness to take initiative and work independently
- Open availability, including evenings, weekends, and statutory holidays
- Good physical stamina and health
- Comfortable around small birds and mammals
- Proof of current tetanus and COVID-19 vaccination
- Willingness to obtain criminal record check
- Reliable transportation to Wildlife Rescue (including public transportation)
- Willingness to work on-site during the COVID-19 pandemic and diligently abide by safety protocols

The following qualifications would be an asset but not required:

- Previous animal related work or volunteer experience
- Education or training in an associated field e.g. biology, veterinary medicine, conservation
- Leadership experience
- Exceptional writing skills
- Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel
- Knowledge of wildlife and animal behaviour

### **Benefits**

- Be part of a small, tight-knit team who shares your passion for wildlife
- Increase your knowledge of local bird species identification, natural history, anatomy, physiology and ecology
- Expand your knowledge and skills in animal care and husbandry
- Gain valuable skills in wildlife rehabilitation

### **To Apply**

Submit your cover letter and resume together in a single pdf file using our online form. Applications for more than one position at Wildlife Rescue are accepted.

As part of our hiring process, you are required to answer a few preliminary questions. Please click on the link below to complete the form. Once completed, hit the "Submit" button at the end of the form. All candidates are required to complete this form in order to move forward in the competition. Failure to do so will result in your application remaining incomplete.

#### **[Preliminary Application Questions:](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/bc23cb842dea467bb924765e4cd36955)**

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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.

Learn more about this position from our previous **Wildlife Care Assistant** in [this blog](#):

<https://www.wildliferescue.ca/2021/02/15/wildlife-care-assistant/>