

Wildcat Creek Wildlife Center Internships offered year round:

Wildcat Creek Wildlife Center is the largest wildlife hospital and rehabilitation facility in Indiana. We admit nearly 2000 wildlife patients annually of all Indiana native and migratory species. During the summer internship period (May-August) we admit 100 new patients weekly. Interns will work hands-on with over 140 different species! Interns work with songbirds, raptors, waterfowl and reptiles. Mammal species include raccoon, opossum, skunk, fox, coyote, squirrel, rabbit and deer on a regular basis. Bobcat, beaver, mink, weasel, badger, muskrat, and woodchuck are also admitted, although not every year. Indiana has a very low occurrence of rabies, mostly in bats, so it is not necessary to have a pre-exposure rabies vaccines to work with all species except bats.

Our internships are an intense, hands-on, total immersion educational experience. Internships are offered year round. Minimum time commitment is 8 weeks up to 1 year. May through August is our busiest time so for that time period we have twelve full time intern positions available. There are fewer interns at other times of the year. We do have ON-SITE HOUSING available for up to 12 full time interns at one time.

Intern responsibilities include syringe, bottle and tube feeding of young mammal and avian species, admitting and exams of incoming patients, delivery of fluids and medications, animal restraint, observing radiographs and surgical procedures, and participating in post-operative care under the direction of our veterinarians and vet tech staff. Interns are also responsible for diet preparations, enrichment, laundry, dishes, mopping floors, hospital hygiene, and LOTS and LOTS of cage cleaning. Work is inside and outside so you will be working in all kinds of weather. Must be able to lift 50lbs. as much of your work will be physically demanding. Cleaning outdoor enclosures will involve wheelbarrowing mulch, gravel, hay, raking and shoveling.

Work schedule is 5 days a week, 12-14 hours a day (60-70hrs.per wk) with 2 days off each week. Interns must be willing to enthusiastically work these long hours in a fast paced, high stress environment. Applicants will be 18 years of age or older. Preference is given to applicants that are currently enrolled in a college program or have recently graduated, within the last 2 years, prior animal experience is a plus! Part time internships may be available upon request.

We are currently interviewing for spring, summer, and fall 2017 positions! To apply please email your resume and a cover letter to Denise Hays, Facility Director at [dlhays59@hotmail.com](mailto:dlhays59@hotmail.com).