

Wildcat Wildlife Center (WWC)
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Dear Friend of WWC,

Thank you for inquiring about volunteering with the Wildcat Wildlife Center. We always need more volunteers and encourage your interest.

WWC is a conservation organization and its mission is to foster awareness and appreciation of Indiana's native wildlife. Our services involve the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned native wild animals and education to the public.

WWC is a charity that was founded in 1995 by Carol Blacketer, RVT (Registered Veterinary Technician), who lives on site and is the organization's executive director. Dedicated volunteers perform virtually all daily activities of the organization.

WWC's policy is that the minimum service commitment for volunteers is 16 hours per month. Many volunteers start by working as a caretaker, but as volunteers gain skills and familiarity with WWC and wildlife, those who wish to can do voluntary service at home through raising orphans, performing administrative tasks, and computer data entry. We also have a need for trained volunteers to answer the wildlife center's phone calls, giving information and directions, especially in the spring.

You do not have to have previous experience working with animals to volunteer at WWC and, in fact, one of WWC's goals is to give people this experience. WWC conducts a number of workshops for volunteers, and volunteers are given "on the job" training as they work. There are also state and national conferences on wildlife rehabilitation that a number of our volunteers attend.

WWC operates as an emergency response center for wildlife. This can be a demanding voluntary service and requires the development of a number of skills. We ask that volunteers be willing to spend a fair amount of time learning about wildlife, first aid, and to be able to follow through with their commitments they make with WWC. Volunteers must also be able to relate well to people. We also ask potential volunteers to understand that work with wild animals is different than work with pets and domestics because WWC's objective is not to "save all animals." Wild animals at WWC are not tamed or kept as pets. Only those wild animals which are the best candidates for release back into the wild are selected for rehabilitation, the rest are euthanized.

WWC will provide you with a unique opportunity to "think globally and act locally" on behalf of wildlife conservation. You will learn more than you can now imagine about the diversity of wildlife and you will become an effective spokesperson on behalf of wild animals as one of our volunteers.

If you decide that you do not want to commit to the time needed to volunteer for WWC, we ask that you consider donating money or supplies to help support the efforts of the dedicated volunteers of WWC.

Please contact us at (574) 686-3069 when you have reviewed these materials, and we will arrange for an orientation. After that, we will see you in the center!!

Referrals of wild animals received from Columbian Park Zoo, Purdue Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Indiana Division of U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Tippecanoe County Humane Society, and area veterinarians.