



Veterinary Technician Internship January 2024

The Wildlife Center of Virginia is an internationally acclaimed teaching and research hospital for wildlife and conservation medicine, located in Waynesboro, Virginia, in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley. The Center's mission is to "teach the world to care about and care for wildlife and the environment." Since its founding in 1982, the Center has cared for nearly 100,000 wild animals, representing 200 species of native birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. The current annual caseload averages about 3,800 patients.

The Wildlife Center has a professional staff of about 30 individuals who work together in the veterinary, outreach, development, and operations departments. While each of these departments carries out different functions, all staff work closely together as a team to support one another and the Center's overall mission.

Training

The Wildlife Center of Virginia (WCV) currently has an opening for a 13-month veterinary technician intern with a start date of April 2024. Two licensed veterinary technicians and four veterinarians will supervise the successful candidate. The intern will be assisted by certified wildlife rehabilitators and numerous students and volunteers. The intern will be involved in all aspects of wildlife medicine, including hematology, parasitology, cytology, radiography, anesthesia, medical treatments (restraint, medicating, IV catheter placement, venipuncture, wound care, bandaging, etc.), necropsy, husbandry, nutrition, rehabilitation, record maintenance, telephone consultations, and presentations at rounds. This internship will place a special emphasis on veterinary diagnostics, and a significant amount of time will be spent performing CBC's, cytology, fecal examinations, and wildlife parasitology. The intern will also help train senior veterinary and technician students performing externships at the Center. To successfully complete the internship, the applicant will also pass the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (IWRC) Certified Wildlife Rehabilitators exam. Opportunities exist to be involved in ongoing conservation medicine research projects as well as interaction with local or allied institutions (Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, Virginia Marine Science Museum, National Zoo rounds).

Key areas of responsibility

- Perform diagnostic procedures (radiographs, blood work, and fecal exams) to evaluate patient health
- Monitor anesthesia on a variety of species
- Work as part of a team to complete daily patient treatments
- Provide technical support to other hospital staff as needed, including patient admissions and maintenance and completion of daily patient records
- Assist with training students (veterinary and veterinary technician) and volunteers
- Assist with hospital maintenance, including autoclaving, cleaning, and inventory control (contacting vendors, ordering supplies, managing in-kind donations, etc.)
- Assist with other duties, such as rehabilitation tasks, feeding orphaned animals, etc
- On-Call duties
- Present at a state or national conference or submit a manuscript for publication



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Required Qualifications

- Commitment to wildlife, conservation, and the environment
- Professional appearance and demeanor
- To be considered for this position, the intern must be eligible for licensure in Virginia in Veterinary Technology. This means they must either be:
 - Currently licensed as a veterinary technician or
 - In the final semester of an American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) approved veterinary technology program and able to provide a passing score on the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) within three months of the internship start date
- Valid driver's license
- Ability to lift/carry equipment and animals up to 50 pounds
- Rabies pre-exposure vaccine series and/or titer within the last 2 years are required before starting
- 2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccine

Preferred Qualifications

- Excellent interpersonal skills; team player with the ability to work independently
- Hardworking and efficient with good organizational skills
- Flexible with the ability to adapt to a dynamic environment
- Even-tempered, ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Positive attitude and a sense of humor

Salary & Benefits

- \$2300 monthly + additional compensation for overtime and on-call. Subsidized housing may be available depending on the applicant.
- Three days off per week (working on Saturday, Sunday and some holidays will be required)
- License fees will be paid for by the Center
- Testing fees for the IWRC Certified Wildlife Rehabilitators exam will be provided (for the first attempt only; additional attempts must be paid for by the intern)
- Continuing education conference registration and transportation costs will be paid for by the Center **IF** the applicant presents at the conference
- The successful candidate will receive a certificate of internship in wildlife and conservation veterinary technology on completion of the program

The Wildlife Center of Virginia offers the following benefits:

- After the first 90 days of employment, employees receive paid sick leave (accruing at four hours/month), personal time (40 hours a year), and vacation time (starting at 80/hours a year for new employees, which increases with length of employment).
- Eligible for Center's health insurance plan; Center pays half of employee's premium.

To Apply:

Applications are being accepted until February 15th 2024, and the position will be filled as soon as the right candidate is found with an ideal start date of April 2024, however start date may be flexible for the right applicant.



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Send application including a CV, letter of intent, and three reference letters to:

Wildlife Center of Virginia
Re: Veterinary Technician Internship
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Waynesboro, VA 22980
or
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No phone calls, please. Center phone lines are best kept open for wildlife emergencies.

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