

**Position:** Veterinary Technician Internship – 2020-2021

**Department:** Veterinary

**Immediate Supervisor:** LVT

**Also Reports to:** Hospital Director

The Wildlife Center of Virginia (WCV) currently has an opening for a 13-month veterinary technician intern with a start date of August 1, 2020; the position will remain open until the right candidate is hired.

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

### **Organization Information**

The Wildlife Center is a non-profit wildlife teaching hospital with a professionally staffed, fully equipped, 5,700-square foot hospital, research, and environmental education center located in Waynesboro, Virginia. WCV admits approximately 3,200 patients annually representing more than 150 species of native mammals, birds, and reptiles.

Additional information about The Wildlife Center of Virginia can be found at [www.wildlifecenter.org](http://www.wildlifecenter.org).

### **Training**

Two licensed veterinary technicians and three 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

### **Compensation**

- Housing will be provided in addition to transportation to and from our student house
- A monthly stipend of \$900.00 will be provided
- Two 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

### **Qualifications**

The successful candidate must have the following qualifications:

- Be a Licensed Veterinary Technician or enrolled in the final semester of an AVMA-approved Veterinary Technology program; a passing score on the VTNE is required within threemonths of start date
- Be eligible for a Virginia veterinary technician license
- 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
- Ability to lift a minimum of 40 pounds
- Rabies vaccinated
- Strong interest in wildlife medicine with well-developed clinical skills
- Applicants must be proficient in written and spoken English and be comfortable talking to groups

Applications are currently being accepted, and the position will be filled as soon as the right candidate is found.

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

Wildlife Center of Virginia  
Re: Veterinary Technician Internship  
PO Box 1557  
Waynesboro, VA 22980

or

[jdye@wildlifecenter.org](mailto:jdye@wildlifecenter.org)

**No phone calls, please!**

Center phone lines are best kept open for wildlife emergencies