



## THE WILDLIFE CENTER OF VIRGINIA

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In 2021, the Wildlife Center of Virginia will be offering two **veterinary internships**, one through the Veterinary Internship Residency Matching Program (VIRMP) and a second outside of the VIRMP, for graduate veterinarians seeking further experience in conservation and wildlife medicine incorporating the One Health philosophy. Each intern will be supervised by the Director of Veterinary Services, a veterinary fellow, two licensed veterinary technicians, and three wildlife rehabilitators. Each intern will be involved in all aspects of wildlife medicine including physical exams, diagnostic sample collection, radiography, anesthesia, surgery, medical treatment, necropsy, husbandry, record maintenance, telephone consultations, on-call emergencies, and presentations at rounds. Each intern will also supervise senior veterinary students from various veterinary schools, volunteers, and the veterinary technician intern. Conference presentation and writing for publication are strongly encouraged. Opportunities exist to be involved in ongoing conservation medicine research projects as well as interaction with local or allied institutions (National Zoo, National Aquarium, Maryland Zoo, Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, and the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine), however opportunities will vary depending on the status of COVID-19.

The Veterinary interns have primary case responsibilities, primary surgery responsibilities, and participate in clinical and topical didactic rounds. The interns have access to state-of-the-art veterinary equipment, a veterinary library, and online journal access. The interns share on-call duties with a veterinary fellow, and off-clinics time is provided. Candidates must have a strong interest in wildlife medicine, and must have well-developed interpersonal and clinical skills, and demonstrate a high degree of professionalism. Experience in wildlife medicine is desirable, but not required. Preference will be given to applicants with clinical experience.

Candidates outside the VIRMP will have the opportunity to:

### **Train:**

- Continue the training program for local, state and national wildlife rehabilitators through the Wildlife Care Academy
- Develop, review, and update veterinary training programs through the Wildlife Care Academy

### **Research:**

- During fall and winter collaborate closely with the veterinary fellow in the ongoing research projects.
- Write a case report and/or a retrospective research study using WILD-ONE and the centers data.

The VIRMP veterinary internship position is available through the Veterinary Internship and Residency Matching Program, and the deadline for applications will be announced on the AAVC website ([www.VIRMP.org](http://www.VIRMP.org)).



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The second veterinary internship will ideally start in April 2021 but start date may be flexible for the right candidate. The selection process for this position **is not part of the AAVC Matching Program**. All applications must be received by November 30, 2020. Selected candidates will be interviewed before January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021, with final selection made before February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The internship will run for a year from start date.

### Requirements:

- DVM graduated from an AVMA accredited school (or equivalent)
- If graduated from a non-AVMA accredited school have the ECFVG Certification
- Be able to obtain a veterinary license in the state of Virginia
- Be able to obtain a Virginia wildlife rehabilitation permit
- Non US-citizens are required to obtain a working permit or working visa

### Compensation and Benefits:

- Salary \$26,500 annually plus compensation for on-call emergencies and overtime pay
- Two weeks of vacation time
- 40 hours of personal time per year
- CE: Maximum \$1,000 for travel and registration expenses to an agreed upon, relevant conference
- 50% Health coverage through group plan
- State license paid for

### Applicants must submit by November 30, 2020:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of interest
- 3 reference letters
- Official veterinary school academic transcript (in English)

### Questions regarding the internship and applications should be submitted to:

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