



Whatcom Humane Society

Wildlife Rehabilitation Services

Do you want to make a positive impact on wildlife? Are you working towards a career in working with animals? Are you looking for ways to lessen human impacts on our Pacific Northwest ecosystems? Wildlife rehabilitation is a wonderful way to fulfill all of these through the rescue, rehabilitation and release of wildlife in need. The Whatcom Humane Society Wildlife Rehabilitation Center accepts all species of wildlife and typically intakes over 2,500 animals per year. Interns are critical in helping our staff provide our many services to the wildlife, and we are now accepting intern applications for the 2021 season!

This spring and summer, we are offering two different internships: Wildlife Care Intern and Admissions Intern. See below for details!

WILDLIFE CARE INTERN: Wildlife Care Interns participate in daily patient care, learning key aspects of wildlife husbandry, handling, orphan care, and feeding techniques. This is a physically demanding position, requiring the ability to work in all weather conditions, be on your feet for long hours, lift heavy objects, safely and effectively handle dangerous and aggressive animals, and provide detail-oriented care to sensitive and critical patients.

ADMISSIONS INTERN: Admissions Interns take the lead on answering phone calls, responding to emails, intaking new patients, facilitating patient transfers, communicating with various agencies and fellow rehabilitators, filing patient charts and medical records, and filling out electronic patient records in the computers. While this position is not as physically rigorous as the Wildlife Care Intern, it still demands the ability to multitask and remain calm and meticulously organized in a fast-paced environment.



The internship season is from March 1st through October 31st, and interns of either position must make at least a 12 consecutive week commitment. For example, an internship may begin May 1st and end July 31st. Interns work four ten-hour shifts (8:00 AM - 6:00 PM) per week for a total of 40 hours per week.

All interns must have a reliable, working vehicle, an up-to-date tetanus vaccine, be in good physical condition, be able to lift at



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least 50 lbs, be able to work long periods of time without breaks, and be able to work in all weather conditions.

COVID-19: The WHS Wildlife Center is taking every precaution to keep interns, volunteers, staff, the wildlife and the public safe and healthy. Please visit our website for more details on how we are handling the situation.

HOW DO I APPLY? Please visit www.whatcomhumane.org/wildlife to fill out our electronic application. Email your completed application, resume and essay (see application for details) to wildlife@whatcomhumane.org. We will reach out to you to schedule a phone interview!

Thank you for your interest in our internships! We look forward to hearing from you!

