

Wildlife Care Association  
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## Wildlife Rehabilitation Internship Information

Start/End Date: April 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018 (Start and end dates are flexible depending on intern availability)

Salary: Unpaid

Last Day to Apply: March 1, 2018

### Description:

Wildlife Care Association (WCA) is a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation organization working to rescue and rehabilitate local wildlife in the greater Sacramento, CA area. WCA is permitted by the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to rehab and release wildlife.

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Internship provides hands-on experience at WCA's facility working with sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife. Interns primarily work in WCA's Nursery alongside WCA staff and volunteers to provide care to young songbirds, pigeons, and doves. Interns also will have scheduled time to work in WCA's Triage Clinic and learn intake protocols and to provide care to adult birds and mammals of all ages.

Interns are expected to work at least 16 hours a week, complete two projects over the course of the internship, and supervise one 8-hour Nursery shift. This position is unpaid and local housing is not provided by WCA.

### Duties:

- Provide medical care to animals, including performing, or assisting WCA staff, with medical examinations and preparing and administering medications
- Prepare food and provide proper husbandry and enrichment to animals in WCA's care
- Maintain a clean working environment at the facility, including laundry, washing dishes and enclosures, and performing facilities repairs
- Maintain paperwork and electronic records tracking animal health and improvement
- Supervise and train WCA volunteers
- Complete two projects over the course of the internship, including creating and teaching a class and implementing a new enrichment item for one of the animal species rehabbed at WCA's facility

## Qualifications:

### Required

- Have strong interest in and enthusiasm for learning about wildlife, public outreach, and providing veterinary care
- Be 18 or older
- Be able to stand for long periods of time and lift at least 40lbs
- Be able to work in a fast-paced environment
- Good communication and organization skills and attention to detail
- At least three months of experience working hands-on with animals or wildlife in a professional setting
- Be able to follow verbal or written directions from WCA staff
- Ability and willingness to work within the guidelines and rules set by WCA
- Ability to work in groups or independently with little supervision
- Familiarity with basic computer programs and skills, such as working with Microsoft Office programs

### Desired

- Currently enrolled in or recently completed an undergraduate degree in Biology, Animal Science, or related field.
- Completed at least two semesters of Biology courses
- Prior volunteer experience with WCA

To apply, submit a cover letter and resume with at least two references in a single document to [volunteer@wildlifecareassociation.com](mailto:volunteer@wildlifecareassociation.com). Please list desired start and end dates in the cover letter.

Questions about WCA's Wildlife Rehabilitation Internship can be submitted to [volunteer@wildlifecareassociation.com](mailto:volunteer@wildlifecareassociation.com). Learn more about WCA by visiting our website or our Facebook page.