BLUE RIDGE
Wildlife Center

The mission of Blue Ridge Wildlife Center is to protect and conserve native wildlife by integrating veterinary medicine, rehabilitation, public education, professional training, and research.

Veterinary & Vet Tech Externship

Blue Ridge Wildlife Center – Boyce, Virginia
Supervisor: Hospital Director

Join Blue Ridge Wildlife Center (BRWC), northern Virginia's only wildlife teaching hospital, for a unique 3+ week externships designed to offer veterinary graduates or licensed veterinarians hands-on experience in wildlife medicine. This veterinary and veterinary technician student externship is an extraordinary opportunity to expand your skills in veterinary care while working in a hospital that treats approximately 4,000 native wild animals annually.

Learning Opportunities Include:

Learning all aspects of working in a wildlife hospital. This includes gaining competency in topics such as anatomy, wildlife diseases, triage, anesthesia, hematology, radiography, laboratory diagnostics, surgery, wound management, treatments, and necropsy procedures.

Extern Expectations & Responsibilities:

- Admit new patients & perform initial examinations
- Fill out intake paperwork and set up appropriate patient housing following hospital protocols.
- Assist our licensed veterinary technician with day-to-day diagnostic procedures and treatments
- Assist in keeping records on all patients and entering medical records into our database.
- Assist staff with wildlife rescues and releases as needed.
- Gain an understanding & appreciation of the laws & ethics that guide wildlife medicine & rehabilitation

Application Process:

To apply, please send your cover letter and resume to DrJen@blueridgewildlifectr.org. In your cover letter, please provide dates (if set by your school schedule or if flexible) AND if you require housing.

NOTE: If an extern wishes to work with rabies vector species (foxes, raccoons, skunks, bats, groundhogs) they MUST have the rabies vaccine and proof of vaccination/titer within the last two years before working with these animals. Please indicate in the cover letter if you are rabies vaccinated. All externs are required to also be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

**If you are a local veterinarian looking to volunteer with our veterinarian, please email the address above to discuss volunteer options.