



**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.

Wildlife Rehabilitation Summer Internship

Blue Ridge Wildlife Center – Boyce, Virginia

Supervisor: Rehabilitation Director

Jumpstart Your Wildlife Rehabilitation Career

Are you passionate about wildlife and seeking hands-on experience in wildlife rehabilitation? Join Blue Ridge Wildlife Center (BRWC), northern Virginia's only wildlife teaching hospital, for a 12 week-long Wildlife Rehabilitation Internship. This unique opportunity is perfect for those looking to grow their skills in animal care, leadership, and rehabilitation, while being a part of a highly-skilled and experienced hospital team.

About Blue Ridge Wildlife Center

At BRWC, we specialize in the care and conservation of Virginia's native wildlife. Our team integrates wildlife rehabilitation, veterinary medicine, public education, and research to provide top-notch care to injured or orphaned animals.

Learning Opportunities Include:

- Native wildlife identification
- species-specific handling techniques
- husbandry
- rehabilitation of injured & orphaned wildlife
- animal enrichment
- knowledge of wildlife diseases & toxins
- community education
- opportunities to assist veterinary staff
- native species natural histories.

Key Responsibilities:

- Feeding & handling birds, mammals, and reptiles of different ages.
- Cleaning and maintaining caging for a wide variety of wildlife species.
- Preparing diets for species in care.
- Administering or assisting in administering daily drugs, therapies, supportive care, supplements, etc.
- Keeping records on all patients and entering data into our computer database.
- Communicating patient issues or concerns with rehab and veterinary staff.
- Assisting staff with wildlife rescues & releases as needed.
- General cleaning & projects required to maintain the efficiency of the facility.
- Preparing an optional internship project according to the intern's interests.

Qualifications:

- This work is physically demanding & fast paced.
- Interns must be able to be on their feet, enthusiastic to learn new skills, & able to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Interns must be willing to wear a surgical-grade mask while inside the hospital.
- Rabies-vaccinated applicants are preferred, but vaccination is not required. Non-vaccinated applicants will not be allowed to handle rabies vector species (Raccoons, Foxes, Bats, Skunks, Groundhogs). Unvaccinated applicants can work with small mammals, songbirds, raptors, waterfowl, reptiles, & amphibians.

What We Offer:

- Full-time & part-time internship opportunities are currently only available May-August, with some flexibility available. Internships must be 12+ weeks in length. Full-time interns work four 10+hr days/week. Part-time interns work two 10+hr days/week.
- Shared housing may be available for full-time interns only who live 50+ miles from the Center.
- Interns may need to work weekends & holidays.

How to Apply for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Summer Internship:

Don't miss this chance to be part of the leading wildlife rehabilitation center in northern Virginia!

Application Procedure: Please send a current resume & cover letter to Info@blueridgewildlifectr.org Cover letter should include: Dates & duration of internship, whether housing is needed, whether the applicant is rabies vaccinated, whether the applicant is interested in full or part-time, and any other pertinent information.

APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1ST.