



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 Fellowship

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 year-long Wildlife Rehabilitation Fellowship. 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.

Why Apply for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Fellowship?

Our fellowship is more than a job—it's an opportunity to gain wildlife rehabilitation experience through hands-on work in a professional wildlife hospital. Throughout the year, you will:

- Learn the fundamentals of wildlife care and further your own rehabilitative skills by working with a wide variety of native species alongside experienced rehabilitation and veterinary staff.
- Develop leadership skills and enjoy more professional responsibility by training and supervising interns and volunteers.
- Experience seasonal changes in wildlife rehabilitation, giving you year-round exposure to different species and rehabilitation scenarios.

Perks of the Fellowship:

- **Hands-On Wildlife Care:** Participate in all aspects of daily operations, from feeding and cleaning to rescue and release to upgrading patient enclosures and data entry.
- **Mentorship & Leadership:** Receive direct training from experienced staff while leading the training of new interns and volunteers.
- **Professional Growth:** Set your own professional goals for the year, undertake a personal project with overview from staff, and have the possibility to attend a wildlife rehabilitation conference.
- **Community Living:** Shared housing is provided, giving you the opportunity to live and collaborate with fellow wildlife enthusiasts.

- **Content Creation Opportunities:** Optional opportunities to create social media content and contribute articles to BRWC's quarterly newsletter, The Ridgeline.

Key Responsibilities:

- Perform daily wildlife rehabilitation tasks including patient care, feeding, cleaning, and enclosure maintenance.
- Administer medications and have opportunities to assist and observe our veterinary team.
- Maintain accurate records and ensure compliance with biosecurity protocols.
- Train and supervise volunteers and interns, helping to maintain the highest standards of care.
- Assist with overseeing management and respect of the provided housing with interns and veterinary students, and be the main point-of-contact between students and staff for any issues or concerns.
- Assist in maintaining inventory of supplies, equipment, and food.
- Optionally participate in creating social media content for platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube.

Qualifications:

- Current rabies vaccination or up-to-date rabies titers (required).
- At least 3 months or 400+ hours of experience in wildlife rehabilitation.
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation.
- Ability to stand for extended periods, lift up to 25 lbs., and work in all weather conditions.
- A positive attitude and strong passion for wildlife care.

What We Offer:

- Duration: 1 year (January-December) with housing at Stuart Hill Apartments in Winchester, VA
- Full-Time Position: 40+ hours per week, including weekends and holidays
- Pay: VA minimum wage
- Benefits: Paid time off (PTO) and 100% of health insurance premium covered (if you enroll in our group plan)

How to Apply for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Fellowship:

Ready to advance your career in wildlife rehabilitation? Submit your resume including two references and cover letter to jessica@blueridgewildlifctr.org **during the open application window during the month of October.** Don't miss this chance to be part of the leading wildlife rehabilitation center in northern Virginia!