



**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 Internship

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

Take Your Veterinary Career to the Next Level with Our Year-Long Fellowship

Join Blue Ridge Wildlife Center (BRWC), northern Virginia's only wildlife teaching hospital, for a unique year-long Veterinary Internship designed to offer veterinary graduates or licensed veterinarians hands-on experience in wildlife medicine. This fellowship 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.

About Blue Ridge Wildlife Center

At BRWC, we are committed to the conservation and rehabilitation of Virginia's native wildlife. Our team integrates veterinary medicine, wildlife rehabilitation, public education, and research to provide high-quality care to injured or orphaned wildlife. As a Veterinary Intern, you will be a key player in ensuring the well-being of our animal patients and contributing to our mission of preserving wildlife.

What You'll Learn:

The Internship provides extensive hands-on experience in the following areas:

- Wildlife medical diagnostics, including radiography, hematology, and laboratory work
- Surgery, anesthesia, and pain management
- Wildlife disease identification and treatment
- Wound management and necropsy procedures
- Medical case management, triage, and patient care
- Developing protocols for the care and rehabilitation of native Virginia species

Responsibilities:

As a Veterinary intern, you will be involved in all aspects of patient care and medical management. You will have primary case responsibility while having consistent access to our veterinarians for guidance and assistance. Key responsibilities include:

- Intake and examination of new wildlife patients
- Performing surgeries and medical treatments under the guidance of BRWC veterinarians
- Monitoring anesthesia and post-operative recovery
- Administering medications and other therapies as prescribed
- Conducting diagnostic procedures and interpreting results
- Assisting with patient rehabilitation plans

- Maintaining accurate medical records and entering data into our database
- Participating in wildlife rescues and releases when needed
- Collaborating with our licensed veterinary technician and rehabilitation team
- Assisting with the care of permanent resident ambassadors and collaborating with our education department
- Training veterinary students at BRWC for clinical rotations

Expectations:

The work environment at BRWC is fast-paced and challenging. Interns should be in good physical condition, able to work outdoors in all weather conditions, and comfortable standing for extended periods. Interns are expected to work full-time (40+ hours per week), including weekends and holidays.

What We Offer:

- Stipend: \$750 per week, paid bi-weekly
- Paid Time Off (PTO): 16 hours of PTO upon hire, with 4 hours accrued per pay period
- Health Plan: Option to enroll in BRWC's group health insurance plan
- Housing: Interns are provided with a private room in a shared two or three bedroom apartment, which may be occupied by other fellows or interns during your fellowship. You are not required to stay in the offered housing and no pets will be allowed if you choose to live there.
- Duration: 12 months starting in July

Rabies Vaccination Requirement:

Interns must have a rabies vaccination or titer within the last two years.

Application Process:

To apply, please send your cover letter, resume, and two references to DrJen@blueridgewildlifectr.org no later than January 1st. In your cover letter, please indicate whether you require housing and your rabies vaccination status.