

Wildlife Rehabilitator Assistant

Northwoods Wildlife Center is seeking a full-time assistant wildlife rehabilitator.

Located in northern Wisconsin, surrounded by over a million acres of both national and state forest land, and thousands of fresh water lakes, rivers, and streams, we are in a region that is home to an abundance of wildlife.

Northwoods Wildlife Center was incorporated in 1979, after Dr. Rory Foster and his wife Linda Foster provided care for a two-day old injured fawn at their veterinarian clinic. The official opening date was June 19th, 1982, which made the Northwoods Wildlife Center one of the first wildlife hospitals in the Midwest. We currently rehabilitate between 300-400 orphaned, injured, and ill animals each year with the goal for release back to their habitat. We care for many species of native mammals, birds, and reptiles found throughout northern Wisconsin.

Responsibilities

- Admit wildlife patients, perform triage, and conduct physical exams.
- Perform daily animal care and husbandry including feeding, cleaning cages, and administering medications.
- Work alongside veterinarians to develop and execute treatment plans for wildlife patients as needed.
- Complete care and treatment records in both physical and digital forms.
- Supervise volunteers and interns in completion of animal care and clinic support tasks, assign duties and oversee projects. Ensure that protocols for infection/disease control are being followed by all.
- Ensure that all animals are being handled in a manner that maximizes human and animal safety, including the training of staff/volunteers on safety procedures.
- Ability to adapt to constantly changing situations, such as emergency transport/vet visits/injured animals/direct rescues.
- Assist with releasing rehabilitated patients.
- Respond to emails and phone calls from the public, offering accurate knowledge on wildlife issues, and providing exceptional customer service.
- Assist in maintaining inventory and purchasing department supplies within budget guidelines.
- On-call at nights on a rotating schedule
 - Perform after hours care of sick/injured/orphaned animals (heaviest workload from April-August).
- Provide input to animal care protocols and facility procedures.
- Responsible for compliance with required state and federal reporting, procedures, including annual admission/disposition statistics, drug usage reporting, and any other directives issued by agencies governing the animal care activities.

Requirements

Bachelor's Degree (BA/BS) from a four-year college in biology, ecology, or a related field preferred. Will consider a Veterinary Technician associate degree. Relevant and direct experience will be considered in lieu of a degree.

- 1-2 years of wildlife rehabilitation experience with supervising volunteers and interns
- WI wildlife rehabilitation license, or willing to apply for Wisconsin wildlife rehabilitation license preferred, but willing to provide training for the right candidate.
- Euthanasia certification preferred.
- Must be vaccinated for tetanus. Rabies vaccination required, or willingness to obtain vaccination within 1 year of employment.
- Capable of handling a demanding workload and long hours, seasonally.
- Ability to interact effectively and professionally with both internal and external stakeholders.
- Must be a reliable team player, and be solid to work independently.
- Must be able to lift/move a minimum of 50 lbs, and be able to work in all seasons, in any weather.
- Must be aware of potential exposure to zoonotic disease, chemicals, radiographic equipment, potentially combative animals, and allergens such as: peanut, tree nuts, etc.

This is a full-time seasonal (varies 35-40+ hrs/wk), including some holidays, weekends, and evenings. Salary is based on experience and qualifications. Opportunity for a permanent position may be available for the right candidate after completing the LTE position.

How to Apply

Please email a copy of your resume, cover letter, and three professional references to our executive director at general@northwoodswildlife.org.

We will begin the hiring process as we receive applications. We will continue to accept applications if the position is posted.

Equal Opportunity Employer: We are an equal opportunity employer and value diversity in our organization. We do not discriminate based on race, religion, color, national origin, sex, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, marital status, veteran status, or disability status