

Assistant Wildlife Rehabilitator

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 the one of the first wildlife hospitals in the Midwest. We currently rehabilitate between 500-600 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.
- 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 general 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).
 - Return calls on the after-hours emergency phone giving guidance to people regarding sick/injured/orphaned wild animals.
- 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
- WI wildlife rehabilitation license, or willing to apply for Wisconsin wildlife rehabilitation license
- Euthanasia certification preferred, or ability to obtain certification within 6 months of employment.
- Must be vaccinated for tetanus. Rabies vaccination preferred, but not required.
- 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 also 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.

This is a full-time (seasonally varies 35-40+ hrs/wk), including some holidays, weekends, and evenings. Salary is based on experience and qualifications. Benefits include HRA (health reimbursement benefits), paid holidays, earned PTO, and sick leave.

Position Start Date: August 1, 2021 - September 1, 2021, depending on your availability.

Application Deadline: June 1, 2021, unless filled sooner.

To apply, email a cover letter, resume, copy of school transcript, and three references to nwcrehab@gmail.com