



Veterinary & Veterinary Technician Externship

The Blue Ridge Wildlife Center (BRWC) is a wildlife hospital & rehabilitation center located in Boyce, Virginia, caring for over 3,000 native wild animals annually. BRWC provides qualified veterinary/ vet tech students & veterinarians/ vet technicians the opportunity to get hands-on experience assisting with the medical management of these animals.

Learning Opportunities Include: Learning all aspects of working in a wildlife hospital. This includes gaining competency in topics such as anatomy, wildlife diseases, triage, anesthesia, hematology, radiography, laboratory diagnostics, surgery, wound management, treatments, and necropsy procedures.

Extern Expectations & Responsibilities:

- Admit new patients & perform initial examinations
- Fill out intake paperwork and set up appropriate patient housing following hospital protocols.
- Assist our licensed veterinary technician with day-to-day diagnostic procedures and treatments
- Assist in keeping records on all patients and entering medical records into our database.
- Assist staff with wildlife rescues and releases as needed.
- Gain an understanding & appreciation of the laws & ethics that guide wildlife medicine & rehabilitation

This work is physically demanding and fast paced. Externs must be in good physical condition and able to work outdoors during hot weather conditions.

Veterinary externs are expected to be full-time during their externship. Full-time externs may work 40+ hrs/week. Housing may be available. Externships run throughout the year for students in their clinical year or graduate veterinarians, but can be arranged for the summer exclusively for 1st-& 3rd year students.

Application Procedure: Please send a cover letter & resume to:

Info@blueridgewildlifectr.org

BRWC Staff

Blue Ridge Wildlife Center

106 Island Farm Lane

Boyce, VA 22620

Please provide dates (if set by your school schedule or if flexible) AND if you require housing.

NOTE: If an extern wishes to work with rabies vector species (foxes, raccoons, skunks, bats, groundhogs) they MUST have the rabies vaccine and proof of vaccination/titer within the last 2 years before working with these animals. Please indicate in cover letter if you are rabies vaccinated. All externs are required to also be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

**If you are a local veterinarian looking to volunteer with our veterinarian, please email the address above to discuss volunteer options.