

Wildlife Rehabilitation Fellowship

Blue Ridge Wildlife Center – Northern Virginia

Supervisor: Rehabilitation Manager

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, veterinary assistance, and rehabilitation, while making a real impact on the conservation of native wildlife.

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. As a Wildlife Rehabilitation Fellow, you'll be part of a mission-driven team dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of wildlife.

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 by working with a wide variety of native species.
- Develop leadership skills by training and supervising interns and volunteers.
- Experience seasonal changes in wildlife rehabilitation, giving you year-round exposure to different species and care techniques.

Perks of the Fellowship:

- **Hands-On Wildlife Care:** Participate in all aspects of daily operations, from feeding and cleaning 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, and potentially undertake a personal project to advance your career in wildlife care.
- **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 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 (Jan/Feb 2025–Jan/Feb 2026)
- Full-Time Position: 40+ hours per week, including weekends and holidays
- Stipend: \$400/week with housing, \$500/week without housing (paid bi-weekly)
- Health Insurance: Option to enroll in BRWC's group health plan
- Paid Time Off: 16 hours of PTO upon hire, plus 4 hours accrued per pay period

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 by December 1, 2024 to Jessica@blueridgewildlifectr.org. Don't miss this chance to be part of the leading wildlife rehabilitation center in northern Virginia!