

Summer Internships

Centre Wildlife Care which provides care to over 1500 wild birds, mammals and reptiles is looking for summer interns. Full time and part time internship positions are available for the summer semester at our facility located in Port Matilda, 10 miles from Penn State main campus. Since CWC is a small rehabilitation facility, interns would be involved with all aspects of the rehabilitation process, which includes physical exams, care, feeding, cleaning, medical treatments, releases, etc. Interns primary responsibility is to provide care to the wild animals undergoing rehabilitation which includes (but not limited to) care of educational animals, handfeeding the orphaned babies and cleaning their enclosures. In the summer, CWC receives hundreds of orphaned wildlife including song birds, water fowl, raptors, rabbits, deer in addition to rabies vectors such as raccoons and skunks to name a few. Interns must be willing to work with all species (except snakes) and make sure all the animals receive the care that is required. Interns must be willing to work both inside and outside to provide care to the animals and follow established protocols. The possibility exists for interns, depending on their interests, to concentrate on special projects. It is not required to do the internship for credit.

Summer is the most interesting time to volunteer or intern because CWC gets 50% of the animals for the year in May and June in the form of orphaned baby wildlife. Volunteers and interns will get experience feeding and handling a variety of orphaned baby birds and orphaned mammals.

Summer interns (full & part time) Part time Summer internships are 20 hr/wk for 13 weeks. Full time internships are 40 hr/wk for 13 wks.

Summer Internship Requirements

- Internship Application due by March 1st
 - Volunteer Application (see attached)
 - A letter explaining why you want to do an internship
 - 3 references which include name and contact information (that are not family)
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Attend the volunteer orientation
- [Background Check \(FREE for volunteers\)](#)
- RVS (rabies vector species) certification
 - Attend the RVS training (Offered every spring or summer)
 - Have proof of rabies vaccines or protective titer within the past 2 years (CWC provides discounted rabies vaccines)
- Be available the entire 13 weeks **including weekends and holidays**

- Be available for additional training before the internship starts
- Animal care personnel have reliable transportation (i.e. your own vehicle)
- It is NOT required for an intern to be a college student

Note: Applications *may* be taken after March 1st if positions are available.

Currently several programs are provided to accommodate our busy, expanding center:

1. Volunteer positions
2. Summer Internships
3. Work Study positions

Volunteer orientations

**Please call or e-mail to sign up for the next orientation
814-692-0004 or centrewildlifecare@gmail.com. Please plan to be there 2-3
hours.**

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Centre Wildlife Care Application For Volunteers, Interns, Externs and Work Study



Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Education (degree & area of study)

School Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____

Date of birth: _____

(W) _____

(Cell) _____

Cell Provider _____

Is it Ok to send you texts? _____

Person to notify in an emergency:

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please list any medications or medical problems that we should keep on record?

Please check the days and times you prefer to be trained and to volunteer:

Time/day	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Morning							
Afternoon							
Evening							

Expected duration of volunteer service: _____ Months (how many) _____ Years _____ Indefinitely

How many hours per week would you be available? _____

When would you available to start: _____

Please indicate semester(s) available: Spring Fall Summer

Do you have transportation? Yes No

Do you have pre or post exposure rabies vaccinations? _____ RVS Training? _____

Are you eligible for PHEAA work study? Yes No

Are you interested in doing an internship? Yes No

If yes, when would you like to do an internship? Summer Fall semester Spring Semester

If you're interested in an internship, please submit the following information in addition to this form: A resume, a letter of why you want to do an internship, and names of three (not family) references that include contact information.

Please return to: Centre Wildlife Care, P.O. Box 572, Lemont, PA 16851 (mail or e-mail)

Questions? Contact Robyn at 814-692-0004 or centrewildlifecare@gmail.com

Centre Wildlife Care Application- continued



Please tell us about your experience working with animals especially wildlife.

What other jobs have you had?

What other volunteer/intern activities have you done or are currently doing?

What is it that attracts you to working with CWC?

What would you like to obtain from working at CWC?

Please check the abilities that you could bring to CWC?

- Animal Care
- Artwork/illustration
- Carpentry
- Computers
- Event Coordination
- Fundraising
- Grant writing
- Graphic Art/layout
- Organization Leadership
- Photography
- Public speaking
- Programs
- Research/library skills
- Veterinary Medicine/AHT
- Volunteer management
- Website design/maintenance
- Writing/editing
- Other...please explain

Centre Wildlife Care VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT



It is a privilege to share the lives of wild animals; it also entails some responsibilities. It is dirty work, hard work and at times emotionally draining. We do this because it is very rewarding and fulfilling work. But we cannot do this work without volunteers. Since we rely on volunteers so heavily, it is important that when you make a commitment that you follow through.

AS A VOLUNTEER I WILL:

- Realize that most of animal care is cleaning and feeding & I understand it is dirty work.
- Show up for my scheduled shift or find a replacement if I cannot make my scheduled shift.
- Wear the proper gloves and/or protective gear for handling each species as recommended by CWC or any State and Federal regulations. Gloves, lab coats and goggles are provided.
- Make sure my tetanus vaccinations are up-to-date.
- Notify the director IMMEDIATELY if I am injured at CWC.
- Maintain cleanliness and sanitation as a hospital. CWC is a hospital for wildlife.
- Notify the director immediately if there is a new problem such as diarrhea, a wound, blood, gasping, parasites or anything that seems not quite right.
- Maintain all standards of cleanliness for the protection of both myself and the animals.
- NOT handle any RVS (rabies vector species) without attending the rabies vector training and obtaining current pre-exposure rabies vaccinations or a current blood titer showing pre-exposure protection. Rabies vector species in PA are raccoons, skunks, fox, coyotes, bats and groundhogs. Volunteers without vaccines can help clean cages, dishes etc.
- Follow the care and feeding instructions given to me by CWC & keep accurate records.
- Abide by rules mandated by CWC, the PA Game Comm. and the Fish & Wildlife Ser.

Sub-permittees: Notify CWC of the final disposition of each animal that may be in my care when requested or at the end of each calendar year. IMMEDIATELY surrender any animal(s) to another CWC member or director if I am requested to do so by the director.

It is important to realize that a volunteer will be exposed to many zoonotic diseases (those transmissible from animals to humans and vice versa). While ordinary common sense and good hygiene will prevent infection, I understand that it is important to tell my doctor that I work with wildlife on a regular basis. **I have chosen to be a volunteer or work for CWC and I am aware there are possible risks while working with and around animals. I will not hold CWC, or any CWC volunteers, interns, staff or board members liable in the event of my injury or illness, or the injury or illness of another family member.**

Volunteer signature: _____ date: _____

Parents signature (if under 18): _____ date: _____