

**Organization:** NC Zoo (AZA Member)

**Location:** Asheboro, NC, United States

**Job or Internship:** Internship

Wildlife rehabilitation is the care of injured or orphaned native wildlife with the sole purpose of returning animals back into the wild. To achieve this goal, wild animals must maintain or develop all the characteristics of their species, including the fear of people. Wildlife are not treated as pets and should not be named or cuddled. Wildlife is handled as little as possible and exposure to sights and sounds of humans is limited. Respect of these rules is most appreciated. Please remember that rehabilitation can be emotionally and physically exhausting. Animals die during rehabilitation, or at times, must be euthanized. Dealing with the loss of wildlife can be stressful and upsetting. However, seeing an animal through the rehabilitation process and releasing it back into the wild is an experience you are likely to remember for a lifetime!

**Supervisor:** Halley Buckanoff

**Supervising Division:** Veterinary Hospital

**Applicants for Internship:** Applications will be accepted from Pre-vet, veterinary technician, zoo or aquarium or animal science students. These students should be graduates or undergraduates who are at least in their junior year, rising junior, senior or 1 year post graduation, certification. Applications are due by March 15th.

For consideration applications must include the following:

- Letter of Intent detailing what you hope to gain from the internship
- Current Resume (not to exceed one page unless a Curriculum Vitae)
- College Transcript (copies accepted)
- Two personal references including name, relationship, phone and email
- Two faculty letters of recommendation

**Primary Responsibilities:**

The intern will provide routine daily care for injured and orphaned native wildlife, until they are ready for release back into the wild, as well as caring for our education animals. The intern's duties include preparation of diets, cleaning cages, admitting patients, feeding animals, answering phones and record keeping. Intern will also have the opportunity to assist with medical tasks such as administering medications, physical therapy, assisting with radiographs and surgeries, as well as, perform treatments as ordered by Veterinary staff. In addition, the intern will participate in special projects, tours, training, cage building and animal rescues, as well as participating in our education animal programming. Paid interns will be relied upon to provide leadership to Volunteers in the absence of staff.

**Time Commitments:** Internship is from mid-May to Mid–September. The chosen intern must commit to a minimum of 16 weeks at 40 hours per week and be available holidays, nights and weekends on a rotating schedule.

**Knowledge, skills and abilities:** Intern must be able to lift a minimum of 15lbs., stand for periods of at least 30 minute intervals, be able to read and follow instructions, perform simple calculations and have dependable transportation. The intern must be rabies vaccinated to care for or handle education or adult/self-feeding mammals. Interns will need to supply proof of current tetanus (within last 10 years) and pre-exposure rabies immunization or rabies antibody titer within past 2 years and >1:5. This position may not be suitable for individuals who are immune suppressed.

**Training:** Interns must participate in orientation and complete formal training sessions prior to beginning intern duties and responsibilities.

**Compensation:** A stipend of \$150.00 per week in addition to a \$275.00 per month housing allowance will be provided. Off-site housing is available for a fee.

**TO APPLY:** Contact [nczoo.wildliferehab@nczoo.org](mailto:nczoo.wildliferehab@nczoo.org) for an application.