



# YGGDRASIL

## URBAN WILDLIFE RESCUE

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## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Our internship program offers the opportunity for a student to get hands-on experience working with wildlife animals. In exchange for dedicated work including a minimum of 10 hours a week with regular shifts, the intern will receive a Letter of Recommendation to present in application for Universities, and a recorded list of volunteer hours of experience, needed for application for most veterinary schools.

During your time working as an intern with our organization you will learn:

- Behavior of wildlife animals
- How to provide food, care and housing for wildlife in captivity
- Basic veterinary skills such as administering fluids, both orally and subcutaneously.
- Handle and restraint of wildlife animals
- Medicating animals
- Observing and possibly assisting in minor surgeries
- And much more

Your internship responsibilities will include:

- Cleaning animal cages
- Preparing diets for wildlife patients
- Enrichment of wildlife enclosures
- Cleaning enclosures
- Medicating wildlife patients
- Performing health checks on wildlife in pre-release enclosures
- Nursing orphaned baby wildlife
- Grounds cleaning
- Kennel washing

Interning with us is a great responsibility, but it provides you with equally and surpassingly great rewards by way of unique and amazing up-close encounters with wildlife in need. We look forward to working with you.

# ATTENDANCE

We require a minimum commitment of 10 hours a week of reliable shift coverage. **If you do not show up for your shift 2 times, you will be dismissed. Please remember that when you do not show up for your shift THE ANIMALS SUFFER from missed meals, medications, and cage-cleaning.** We do know emergencies come up, so if you know you will be unable to arrive for your shift, please call with as much notice as possible so we can get someone to cover your shift.

Our schedule is rather fixed so please pick a shift day that you can reliably and regularly cover. Please let me know if you need to change your shift day and I can bring your request to other volunteers and interns who may be able to switch coverage with you.

# RULES

- Please leave pets at home
- Please always wear long pants and close-toed shoes
- Please do not bring guests without notice and approval ahead of time
- Please log your hours EVERY TIME in the log book
- Please sign up on the infirmary calendar for your next and future shifts
- If you know you will be missing a day, please write it on the calendar, in addition to informing staff directly ahead of time.
- For the safety of the animals and for compliance with our Dept. of Fish & Game rules, please do not take photographs or video of the animals unless approved by staff.
- If you feel in ANY WAY uncomfortable in handling any of the animals please come directly to staff for assistance.
- If you get injured, please use the first aid kit in infirmary and inform us immediately.
- All animal diets and medications are specific to them and previously determined. Please do not alter these diets. If you have a suggestion please contact staff.
- Please do not take the animals home with you unless previously approved for fostercare.
- For your on safety, please do not eat or drink in the infirmary.
- Please always use gloves.

If you are interested in joining our internship program, please print and sign the following forms and call us at 510-547-9897 to schedule an appointment to enroll in our internship program.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and agree to follow the rules and requirements for enrollment in the Yggdrasil Urban Wildlife Rescue Internship Program.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you joining our internship program?

What school(s) do you plan to apply to?

How long do you want to intern with us?

2 months      3 months      6 months+

Additional Notes:

# Volunteer Information

Please feel free to attach a resume as well.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Numbers: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_ AM    PM

## **Emergency Contact (in case of emergency):**

1. Name:

Address:

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship:

2. Name:

Address:

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship:

Do you have any medical conditions we should be aware of?

Allergies ? :

Are you current with your vaccinations? Yes No (circle)

Date of Last Tetanus Shot:

Other:

Which animals interest you the most:

What type of work are you most interested in doing during your volunteer time?

## **Experience**

What previous experience do you have that you can bring to offer the wildlife center? Remember, we need assistance with everything, ranging from animal care and office management to construction so please list everything, even if you do not feel it applies.

## **Skills and Talents**

Do you have any skills and talents? Please list as many skills and talents you might have even if you feel that do not apply - we may find a use for them!

Work Preferences: (please circle)

Working in a group                      Working alone                      Both/Either

Working Indoors                      Working Outdoors                      Both/Either

Variety of Projects                      Specific Project

Do you want to be trained for In-Home Foster Care of animals?    Yes    No  
If yes, which species of animal (s)? \_\_\_\_\_

## Release of Liability

I, and my heirs, in consideration of my participation as a volunteer at the Yggdrasil Urban Wildlife Rescue center, hereby release the Yggdrasil Urban Wildlife Rescue center, it's Board of Directors, officers, and owners of the properties involved, from any and all liability for damage to, or loss of, personal property, sickness, injury, or bodily harm, from whatever source, legal entanglements, imprisonment, death, or loss of money, which might occur while volunteering with this organization. Specifically, I release said persons from any liability or responsibility for my physical, emotional, or financial condition, and I will not hold liable Yggdrasil Urban Wildlife Rescue for the actions of any volunteers.

I am aware of the risks of participation, which include, but are not limited to, accidental injury to my person from animal bite or scratch from injured and orphaned animals in care at the wildlife center.

I hereby state that I am in sufficient physical condition to accept the required level of physical activity and am current on all vaccinations required to perform this work. I understand that participation in this organization's activities is strictly voluntary and I freely chose to participate. I understand that the organization does not provide medical coverage for me. I verify that I will be responsible for any medical costs I incur as a result of my participation.

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(participant)

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(parent or guardian's signature if under 18)

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(date)

Please note that the *Yggdrasil Urban Wildlife Rescue* center is solely volunteer-run and donation-funded and that any legal action directed towards this wildlife center would necessitate the closure of the center and all its programs, which would result in the death of hundreds of animals yearly and the deprivation of hundreds of children who are inspired by our work.