

Carolina Wildlife Center

Job Title: Animal Caretaker Job Description

Status: Part-time, 20-30 hours per week, variable depending on season

Hours: Varied - day, evening, and weekend

Pay Rate: \$8.25 to start

Overview:

The Animal Caretaker is responsible for the care of injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife. The Animal Caretaker is responsible for all aspects of animal care, providing food, shelter, and medical attention until the animal is healthy enough to be released back into their natural habitat.

Primary Job Duties:

Providing medical treatment and care such as feeding animals, cleaning enclosures, and administering medications, including diet preparation, hand feeding varying species, weighing animals, updating charts, and calculating and mixing medications.

Maintaining detailed records of treatments, feedings, and observations of each animal's progress is a daily responsibility. Communicating the animal patients' care and status with incoming Shift Leaders and Animal Caretakers is vital to the consistency of animal care.

Keeping track of supplies and medicines, including supplies used and supplies needed to purchase and/or reorder. Attention to dated materials, such as prepared foods, medicines and treatments is extremely important. All supply needs must be brought to the Director of Rehabilitation's attention immediately.

Maintaining a safe, clean, work and living environment is essential for the care of the animals and caretakers. Ensuring cages are clean and free of old food, feces, etc. is of utmost importance.

Other Possible Job Duties, if needed:

Assist with the provision of educational programs to schools or community groups.

Assist with the transportation of animals to veterinarians or other care facilities.

Assist with the capture of or reneating of injured, sick, or orphaned animals.

Assist with the release of healthy animals back into their natural habitat.

Other duties, as assigned by the Shift Leader or Director of Rehabilitation.

Qualifications:

Preferred Attributes: Passion for wildlife conservation, the environment, and an appreciation for nature

Must be at least 18 years of age

Highschool diploma or GED

Understanding and knowledge of wildlife rehabilitation and/or animal care rescue and shelter are a plus

Strong communication skills and Attention to detail

Strong organizational skills and ability to complete daily tasks

Ability to change and adjust to new or emotional situations

Be comfortable working around and handling wild animal species

Be able to stand, squat, kneel, bend and be on your feet for long periods

Have reliable transportation

Ability to lift at least 25 pounds