

Title: Wildlife Health Summer Veterinary Internship

Classification: Internship

Agency/Organization: Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources



Location: Frankfort, KY

Job Description:

KDFWR is seeking a veterinary student interested in the wildlife health to assist the Kentucky State Wildlife Veterinarian. This position is for 10 weeks starting approximately in late May going through early August.

Duties will include:

- Assist Wildlife Health Program with an amphibian disease surveillance project.
- Perform abomasal parasite counts (APCs) on elk as a part of a health assessment project.
- Assist with field collections for a tick surveillance project.
- Perform wildlife necropsies, assist with disease investigations, and biological sample collection.
- Assist program and regional staff with banding activities e.g. goose banding and dove trapping.
- Shadow state wildlife veterinarian and biologists in regional wildlife health meetings.
- Assist with data entry, sample organization, and lab duties as needed.
- Present to KY One Health Group at quarterly meeting.
- Write short communications article for KDFWR Wildlife Health newsletter.

Salary: \$12.25/hr

Qualifications:

- 1st or 2nd-year veterinary student
- Interest in wildlife health, population medicine, regulatory medicine and/or one health
- Valid U.S. driver's license and clean driving record.
- Authorization to work in the United States.
- Strong communication skills and ability to work independently or as a member of a team.
- Have great attention to detail when working with animals and collecting data.
- Experience and comfort navigating with maps, compasses, and handheld GPS units.
- Able to withstand the rigors of field work (hot/humid conditions, walking long distances over rugged terrain, able to lift up to 30 pounds, "buggy" conditions, early mornings and long days, flexible schedules because of weather, etc)

Preferred Qualifications:

- Laboratory experience, firearms, operating 4-wheel drive vehicles, and collecting biologic samples. Experience entering and proofing data and proficiency with Microsoft Excel and Google apps.

Deadline to Apply: 02/15/2024

To apply to this position, please submit a cover letter, resume, and 3 references in a single pdf via email to Dr. Christine Casey (christine.casey@ky.gov).