



## THE WILDLIFE CENTER OF VIRGINIA

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### **Veterinary Internship in Wildlife and Conservation Medicine**

In 2023, the Wildlife Center of Virginia will be offering two one-year long veterinary internships, one through the Veterinary Internship Residency Matching Program (VIRMP) and a second outside of the VIRMP, for graduate veterinarians seeking further experience in conservation and wildlife medicine incorporating the One Health philosophy.

The Wildlife Center is a non-profit conservation organization with a professionally staffed, fully equipped, 5,700 square foot hospital, research, and environmental education center located in Waynesboro, Virginia, in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley. WCV is presented with approximately 3,800 patients annually representing over 200 different species. In 2021, 50 percent of patient admissions were mammals, 10 percent were reptiles/amphibians and 40 percent were birds (of which 20 percent were raptors). The WCV is the only center in the state permitted to rehabilitator black bears. Each intern will be supervised by the Director of Veterinary Services two licensed veterinary technicians, and three wildlife rehabilitators.

Each intern will be involved in all aspects of wildlife medicine including physical exams, diagnostic sample collection, radiography, anesthesia, surgery, medical treatment, necropsy, husbandry, record maintenance, telephone consultations, on-call emergencies, and presentations at rounds. Each intern will also supervise senior veterinary students from various veterinary schools, volunteers, and the veterinary technician intern. Conference presentation and writing for publication are strongly encouraged, and contribution to the WCV's professional training program is required.

The Veterinary interns have primary case responsibilities, primary surgery responsibilities, and participate in clinical and topical didactic rounds. The interns have access to state-of-the-art veterinary equipment, a veterinary library, and online journal access. The interns share on-call duties, and work four days per week.

Candidates must have a strong interest in wildlife medicine, and must have well-developed interpersonal and clinical skills, and demonstrate a high degree of professionalism. Experience in wildlife medicine is desirable, but not required.

Preference will be given to applicants with clinical experience. A Virginia veterinary license will be required.

The VIRMP veterinary internship position will be available through the AAVC Matching Program, and the deadline for applications will be announced on the AAVC website. Typically, the application deadline is early December.

The second veterinary internship will ideally start in April 2023 but start date may be flexible for the right candidate. The selection process for this position is not part of the AAVC Matching Program. All applications must be received by December 16 2022. Selected candidates will be interviewed before



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January 27th, with final selection made before February 17th, 2023. The internship will run for a year from start date.

## Requirements:

- DVM graduated from an AVMA accredited school (or equivalent)
- If graduated from a non-AVMA accredited school have the ECFVG Certification
- Be able to obtain a veterinary license in the state of Virginia
- Non US-citizens are required to obtain a working permit or working visa

## Compensation and Benefits:

- Salary \$38,000 annually
- Two weeks of vacation time
- 40 hours of personal time per year
- CE: Maximum \$1,000 for travel and registration expenses to an agreed upon, relevant conference
- 50% Health coverage through group plan
- State license paid for

## Applicants must submit by December 16, 2022

- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of interest
- 3 reference letters
- Official veterinary school academic transcript (in English)

## Questions regarding the internship and applications should be submitted to:

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**No phone calls please.** Center phone lines are best kept open for wildlife emergencies.

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