



Carolina Wildlife Conservation Center Volunteer Opportunity

Thanks for your interest in the Carolina Wildlife Conservation Center's Volunteer Program. Our volunteers work independently around the center doing various tasks. In order to maintain our high amount of animals rescued, volunteers are essential to do tasks that involve the maintenance, cleanliness and overall running of the wildlife center. This is an unpaid volunteer position (not an internship). This is not a hands-on wildlife rehabilitation position. Volunteers will not be permitted to touch, treat or feed an animal unless authorized. While the opportunity for learning about wildlife rehabilitation will be constant, this position does not shadow the rehab staff unless specified by them. Opportunities to progress in the volunteer position will be available for dedicated volunteers. If the program is what you are looking for, follow the application submission guidelines below the job description.

Job Description: Volunteers assist with the ongoing maintenance tasks of the center and support CWCC staff in duties when assigned. Duties may include:

- Washing dishes and feeding instruments (syringes, nipples, bottles)
- Washing toys
- Animal laundry (please dump organic debris from laundry before placing in washer, also clean out washer filter and dryer lint filter)
- Sweeping all rooms
- Trash collection
- Cleaning of cages/kennels/bins/aquariums collected outside
- Chopping vegetables
- Preparing Specie Specific Formulas
- Cleaning kitchen
- Disinfecting door handles and tabletops
- Cleaning door windows
- Cleaning pre-release cages after critter release

After proper training and guidance, volunteers will gain responsibilities such as:

- Meeting Good Samaritans and intake of new patients at Welcome Center
- Preparing cage cards
- Cage & enrichment set up
- Assisting with hand-feeding orphaned mammals (non-rvs only, if not rabies vaccinated)
- Weighing animals (non-rvs only, if not rabies vaccinated)
- Assist with physical examination when four hands are needed! (non-rvs only, if not rabies vaccinated)
- Prep for trauma physical examination by obtaining applicable items (i.e. lights, towels, wound cleanser, blades)
- Writing notes for examiner on intake form
- Meal preparation
- Distributing food & water to animals (non-rvs only, if not rabies vaccinated)
- Harvest garden & natural food items (acorns, leaves, branches, vegetables)

Other responsibilities over time will include but not limited to:

- Large scale projects (i.e. cage building)
- Trail cleaning

Time Commitment:

Volunteering is March-October with optional winter hours. We require a minimum time commitment of 12 weeks, 1 day a week, a 4-6 hour shift depending on volunteer schedule and the center's needs. After 3 months, volunteers may work additional days, if openings are available. Volunteers are extremely important in the functioning of the wildlife center. It is important to be dependable with shift coverage so that CWCC can operate to the highest level. Therefore, after 3 missed shifts or two no-shows, the volunteer will be dismissed. **CWCC is in need of dependable and dedicated volunteers to maintain the best care of the rescued wildlife.** Opportunities to increase responsibilities and skills at the center will be available for dedicated volunteers at the discretion of the Program Director.

Application include the following, emailed to volunteer@carolinaconservation.org:

1. Sincere interest in wildlife conservation, rescue, rehabilitation and the environment
2. Cover letter
3. Resume
4. Completed Volunteer application form

Potential candidates will also need to have an onsite or zoom interview prior to final acceptance.

Once accepted into the program:

6. Copy of driver's license
7. Proof of health insurance
8. Rabies vaccination (optional)