



## *Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center*

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### **Volunteer Application**

First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Age -must be 17 or older**

Please select volunteer activities that interest you (check as many as apply)

\_\_\_\_ Animal Care Assistant – circle one: spring/summer    year round

\_\_\_\_ Nursery Care Assistant / Internship

\_\_\_\_ Wildlife Information Operator

\_\_\_\_ Animal Capture and Transportation

\_\_\_\_ General Maintenance Volunteer

\_\_\_\_ Errand runner (pick up groceries, animals from vet etc. etc)

\_\_\_\_ skills- carpentry, plumbing, electric, etc.

Please list special skills that may be of value to PWRC.

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**Times available (check as many as apply)**

- Monday \_\_\_\_\_ morning
- Tuesday
- Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon
- Thursday
- Friday \_\_\_\_\_ evening
- Saturday
- Sunday
- Varies

**Reason for Interest (check as many as apply)**

- Personal Development
- Educational Opportunity
- Probation / Public Service Requirement
- Career Development
- Mandatory School Requirement

Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list two references not related to you**

Name Phone  
Business  
Relationship to you

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**Comments / Notes / Special Requests**

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**TYPES OF VOLUNTEER POSITIONS**

General Maintenance Volunteer

These volunteers help maintain the clinic, outdoor aviaries, wildlife garden, and more. Those who have basic carpentry, gardening, electrical, plumbing, house painting and/or masonry experience would be of great assistance to our organization. Maintenance volunteers are not required to have a regular weekly shift; rather, we will contact you if we have a need in your field of expertise once you have signed up.

### Wildlife Transport Volunteer

Wildlife Transport volunteers are on-call for a designated area. If the need arises, the WT volunteer will drive to an animal situation and transport the animal to our facility, generally following the capture or, at least, containment of the animal.

You must have a valid driver's license and use your own vehicle.

Although some equipment can be supplied by PWRC as it is available, volunteers may have to purchase some of their own equipment (Under \$100).

Extreme patience in working with the public is required for this work. You will be required to make contact with the caller, obtain directions to the meeting or pick-up location, obtain the information needed for intake, and deliver the animal promptly to the PWRC. Many finders require patience and calm, cool information in order to procure the appropriate information.

Because we cover so much of northeastern PA, we need transport volunteers from several counties. You should be available at least several consistent hours or days per week.

### The Animal Care Assistant

The ACA will be exposed to and have the opportunity to assist with all aspects of wildlife rehabilitation including: first aid, treatment, admissions, medications, and releases.

**General Tasks:** Assist the clinic staff by cleaning cages, weighing animals, preparing diets and feeding the "self-feeding" animals. The Animal Care Assistant also helps with cleaning and maintaining the facilities, laundry and dishes.

### **Requirements**

Must be at least 18 years of age

The demands of treating 1000 animals each year (most of them between mid-April and September) require the highest level of commitment from our volunteers. While we certainly work around our volunteer's other commitments, absolute reliability insofar as manning your shift is required! **ACA shifts are a minimum of 3 hours long, are required to volunteer weekly and to work the same shift each week.** The clinic is open seven days a week, year-round.

Animal care involves the ability to bend and kneel easily, carry buckets of water and food to outdoor enclosures (about 20 pounds), stand for several hours, walk unaided and walk on uneven outdoor terrain.

If you have any questions or concerns about these requirements, or the application process, please feel free to contact us.

### The Docent (Tour Guide)

Tour guides will provide a brief overview of the facility, its mission and background to small groups of visitors. They will then guide them on a tour of the facility, providing information about each of the animals on the tour, and about the facilities in general.

It is expected of the volunteer to maintain control of individuals on the tour and to maintain relative quiet and minimal activity during tours so as not to unduly disturb the animals on the property. Off-limits areas are to be strictly observed.

We will provide docents informational sheets with histories of the animals in our care and about the facilities etc. You may carry these with you while providing tours!

Tours will be mainly on weekends, although if a volunteer is available, they may be occasionally scheduled weekday early evenings during the warmer months.