



The Wilderz at Pocono Wildlife
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Seasonal Internship Information

Thank you for considering The Wilderz at Pocono Wildlife for your internship. By joining our team, you will gain a vast amount of knowledge and experience in wildlife rehabilitation. Of the 3,000+ animals we intake yearly, the majority of them come in between April and September. Length of internships may vary, but help is needed most during this time. Come prepared! Baby season is a high-paced, self-motivated, and high-volume time to be working in. Animals are coming in non-stop and feedings are 'round the clock. That being said, you will have fun and leave with an experience of a lifetime.

Full-time, residential interns receive a weekly stipend of \$125. A limited number of double-occupancy apartments with utilities are available on-site. Unpaid internships are available for those who live off-site or work under 40 hours a week and may be receive a stipend depending on travel and hours worked.

As an intern, you will be involved with:

- **CUTTING UP AND GUTTING DEAD RODENTS AND CHICKS** for our rehabilitating animals
- Admitting animals and recording information from the rescuer
- Identifying the species of animals
- Assessing animals upon arrival and during treatment*
- Creating a treatment plan
- Learning to ensure personal safety and the safety of others
- Developing public interaction and communication skills
- Animal husbandry (feeding, cleaning, and caring for the physical and mental well-being of all animals)*
- Selecting, preparing, and providing nutritionally-balanced diet to animals
- Releasing wildlife*

Prerequisites:

- Strong work ethic—punctual, a positive attitude, a team player, and enthusiastic
- Concern for safety of self, others, and animals
- Ability to speak to people without judgement
- A strong sense of curiosity and ability to observe
- Comfortable with blood, guts, raw meat, live and dead rodents, and excrement

We are licensed by USFWS, PA Game Commission, PA Fish and Boat Commission, and USDA to provide humane, professional care for injured/orphaned wildlife native to Pennsylvania. Education is provided to groups and individuals to improve their understanding and appreciation for wildlife and to prevent injury or illness to individuals.



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- * If you don't have your rabies pre-exposure vaccine, the variety of animals you care for is limited. Two weeks after the 2-shot series is complete, you will need a rabies titer to be approved to work with rabies vector species (bats, skunk, raccoons, foxes, coyotes, groundhogs). Rabies vaccination is required for working with mammals at a veterinary clinic, zoo, nature center, and other animal-related jobs.

To apply, submit an application packet, which includes:

1. Completed application
2. Two letters of recommendation with contact information

Send your complete packet to Katie Lee

- a. via email, poconowildlife@gmail.com. Save the file as a single PDF titled "Last Name_Intern Application" with the email titled "Internship Application".
- b. Or, mail to:
Katie Lee
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