Position: Animal Care Intern- Kendalia
Location: Kendalia, TX
Job Type: Unpaid, part/full-time internship
Schedule: 20-39 hours/week, Flexible Schedule
Website: www.wildlife-rescue.org
Apply to: wrraplications@wildlife-rescue.org

History: Established in 1977, Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation (WRR) receives over 10,000 wild animals per year for rehabilitation and release as well as providing permanent sanctuary for more than 600 resident non-releasable indigenous wildlife, non-native wildlife (large mammals, primates, reptiles and birds) and farmed animals. Wildlife Rescue is located on 212 acres in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, near Austin and San Antonio.

Description: An Internship at WRR is a great starting point for individuals with an educational background or currently enrolled at a university but lack substantial experience working with wildlife. Interns will grow in their knowledge of native and non-native Texas wildlife, including natural history, behavior, and environmental enrichment, and they will gain valuable experience in facility cleanliness, operation standards, and rehabilitation protocol. If you want to pursue a career in animal care or nature rehabilitation, this is a great opportunity. All Internships with WRR are unpaid, and limited on-site housing is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

This internship involves working with a variety of native Texas wildlife. The species worked with are dependent on the time of year. Intern duties include feeding and monitoring the animals at all stages of rehabilitation as well as tracking care logs, cleaning/upgrading enclosures, and moving babies through the rehabilitation protocols as they grow. Other duties may include performing animal rescues and releases and assisting with a variety of projects at the facility.

To promote learning and development of skills, the internship will follow a structure of training on one species or room at a time with the Intern Coordinator in a class setting, working alongside staff for 1-2 weeks, followed by a short quiz or assignment. This will repeat throughout the entire internship, and interns will be staggered to spend time learning how to care for several different species. If interested, interns may apply for a second term of the internship to be trained on more advanced skills such as administering medications, tube-feeding animals, and caring for high-stress species.

Requirements: This internship involves considerable physical labor; applicants must be able to lift 50 pounds and work in a variety of conditions with variable hours. Desired candidates are mature, reliable, and responsible individuals who can work both independently and as part of a group. They also have the ability to handle physically and emotionally stressful situations and a demanding workload and commit to the full term of the internship.

Applicants must be 18 or older and have a valid driver's license and good driving record. Interns will be subject to a background check. Interns must be willing and able to commit to at least 30 hours per week during the internship with a consistent weekly schedule. Free onsite housing is provided. The Internship lengths and dates are listed below.

Interns must complete a course through their respective universities to earn college credit for their participation in the program. WRR will provide any materials necessary for completion of the course.

3 Month Internship

February - May (dates will vary)

May - August (dates will vary)

August - November (dates will vary)

9 Month Internship

February – November (dates will vary)

To Apply:

Please email wrrapplication@wildlife-resuce.org titled "Intern Application *Your Name"* with your cover letter and resume attached.