Position: Seasonal Animal Caretaker  
Location: Kendalia, TX; San Antonio, TX  
Website: www.wildlife-rescue.org  
Apply to: WRRapplication@wildlife-rescue.org  
Job Type: Full-time, seasonal (3 to 6 months) – Applications accepted year-round

History: Established in 1977, Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation (WRR) receives over 6,000 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: Seasonal Caretakers will be responsible for daily feeding, enclosure cleaning and maintenance, behavioral observations and enrichment activities for a wide variety of Texas native avian, mammal, and reptile species. These animals include, but are not limited to, opossums, raccoons, songbirds, doves, deer, waterfowl, turtles and tortoises. The number and variety of species with whom a caretaker will work depends on the individual caretaker’s prior experience and skill level. This position is intense and involves substantial physical labor (must be able to lift 50 pounds) in all types of outdoor conditions. One can expect to work 40-60 hours per week, depending on the season, and hours will include day and evening shifts, weekends, and holidays. This position involves substantial animal care responsibilities, triage and care of new arrival patients, administrative duties (record keeping and telephone work), and fieldwork involving rescues, releases and transportation of animals. Caretakers are also expected to engage in public interaction and education through hotline shifts and working with volunteers and apprentices.

Position Duties and Responsibilities:
- Complete Animal Caretaking shifts at one or both WRR locations (Kendalia and San Antonio) upholding the high standards of care required  
- Feed and water the animals (feeding via hand, syringe, tube, scatter method, etc.)  
- Maintain all animal enclosures and crates in a sanitary and enriched state.  
- Monitor behavior and maintenance of detailed patient records  
- Facility and enclosure maintenance and landscaping  
- Assist with directing and instructing volunteers, apprentices and interns  
- Maintain hospital and facility cleanliness and sanitation  
- Administer medications and maintain medical observation records as required

Requirements:
- A bachelor's degree is required, zoology or other animal-related field preferred.
Minimum 1-year full-time rehabilitation and animal care experience, with preference given to experience with native Texas wildlife species.

Desired candidates are mature individuals with the ability to handle physically and emotionally stressful situations, a demanding workload, long hours, and to work independently or as a team.

Applicants should possess a strong personal work ethic, positive attitude, good public relations skills, and have a high level of integrity.

Applicants must be dependable and willing to learn and do what is needed so that the animals are given the best quality of life possible, whether that is in the wild or in our sanctuary.

Meningitis, Tetanus and rabies pre-exposure vaccinations are required.

Good driving record and proof of health insurance.

Compensation:
Seasonal Animal Caretakers are hired year-round for 3 to 6 month periods with potential to continue into a full-time permanent position based on job performance. This position provides an hourly wage of $11.00, and on-site housing is available if desired.

Persons interested in applying for this position should send a resume, cover letter, and two professional references to (email preferred):

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