

# Animal Care Volunteer

**OBJECTIVE:** The Animal Care volunteer opportunity is an animal husbandry position. Volunteers are required to clean and feed animal enclosures as well as assist in general housekeeping duties.

## **ENVIRONMENT:**

- Wildlife hospital; indoors and outdoors – will be exposed to all weather conditions.
- Will be working alongside other volunteers, medical interns, and staff members.
- Will be exposed to injured, ill, and orphaned wildlife.
- Moderate contact with the public.

## **PHYSICAL ABILITIES:**

- Must be able to lift at least 30 pounds.
- Must be able to routinely bend over and/or reach far into cages.
- May be required to use a step stool.
- Dexterity is necessary for carrying cleaning equipment
- Will be required to be on foot/stand/clean for 4 hours.
- May be exposed to extreme heat or cold temperatures.
- Will be required to use bleach.
- Position is not recommended for those overly sensitive to strong odors, wounded animals, and carrion.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must be at least 16 years old.
- Will be required to provide medical documentation of a valid tetanus vaccine.
- Must complete all designated training; on-site and workbooks.
- Will be required to perform duties within a team or with minimum supervision.
- Must be willing to read the HAR Wildlife Center's Volunteer Hand Book and adhere to all of the HAR Wildlife Center's policies and procedures.
- Will be required to maintain confidentiality, follow directions, and take correction as needed.
- Must be drug free and will be subject to a criminal background check.
- Must be able to commit to a 4 hour weekly shift for at least 12 months.
- Must love wildlife!

## **RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCLUDE:**

- Cleaning cages, enclosures. Mandatory use of a hose.
- Preparing diets and feeding all in-house animals. Diets will often include insects and various protein sources.
- Documentation and record keeping.
- Weighing animals.
- Laundry and dish washing; will be exposed to animal waste.

- Providing daily enrichment to all in-house animals.
- Maintaining a professional demeanor at all times

Individuals are permitted to work with RVS (Rabies Vector Species) animals only if they are RVS Certified, vaccinated, possess an up-to-date titer, and have completed all necessary training. There will not be any exceptions.

**\*Every applicant is not guaranteed acceptance into the Humane Animal Rescue Wildlife Center. The Humane Animal Rescue also maintains the right to dismiss individuals at any time.**