

Education & Outreach

Volunteer

OBJECTIVE: The Education & Outreach Volunteer opportunity includes providing husbandry to wildlife education ambassadors, leading tours, assisting with programs, and attending events. This position works directly with animals while educating the general public.

ENVIRONMENT:

- Wildlife hospital; indoors and outdoors – will be exposed to all weather conditions.
- Other environments will include: schools, libraries, parks, etc.
- Will be working alongside other volunteers, medical interns, and staff members.
- Will be exposed to injured, ill, and orphaned wildlife.
- Extensive contact with the public.

PHYSICAL ABILITIES:

- Must be able to lift at least 10 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 equipment.
- Must be able to clearly speak and hear for information exchange.
- May 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 disinfectants.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
 - Individual's ages 16-17 are encouraged to apply for the Animal Care Volunteer position and to assist with events to gain experience.
- Will be required to provide medical documentation of a valid tetanus vaccine.
- Must complete all designated training.
- 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 able to work with children and adults while maintaining professional demeanor at all times.
- Must be drug free
- Must be able to provide PA Access to Criminal History, PA Child Abuse, and FBI Fingerprint Analysis prior to assisting with programs in a school setting (at one's own cost).
- Must be able to commit to a 4 hour weekly shift twice a month for at least 12 months in addition to being able to assist with programs and/or events.

- Must be able to provide themselves with reliable transportation.
- 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.
- Properly handling education animals (per the discretion of Staff).
- Weighing animals (per the discretion of Staff).
- Laundry and dish washing; will be exposed to animal waste.
- Providing daily enrichment.
- Maintaining a professional demeanor at all times.
- Addressing visitors to the wildlife Center while leading tours and assisting with programs/camps.
- Being able to pay for one's own travel expenses to and from events.

Individuals are permitted to work with RVS (Rabies Vector Species) animal 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.**

