



Conservation Medicine

Veterinary Technician Extern

Background: The Wilds is situated on nearly 10,000 acres of reclaimed surface-mined land in southeastern Ohio. We are a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support conservation through innovative education, breeding, and research programs that emphasize the protection and intensive management of our wildlife resources.

Description: Assists with medical program at the veterinary hospital to ensure excellent animal health services at The Wilds.

- Must be available Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.
- The externship is a minimum time commitment of 6 weeks.
- Preferred dates are from May through November.
- This is an unpaid position. Students may qualify for a RISE scholarship.
- On site shared housing is available at \$250/month.

Students may qualify for the RISE Scholarship. The Rise Scholarship at The Wilds is designed to provides internship experiences with focuses from business to biology, for students ages 18 years and older who are interested in potential careers in animal care, guest services and mission-driven careers. Internships are awarded to students within underserved and underrepresented populations, including race/ethnicity, sex, gender identify/expression, and low-income or socio-economically disadvantaged. Another goal of the program is to remove financial barriers that may be caused by unpaid internships.

Responsibilities

- Participates with daily medical care including but not limited to assisting in medical procedures, administering medications, and feeding and cleaning animals under veterinary care.
- Collects and processes medical samples for diagnostic testing and banking for future use.
- Frequently provides laboratory analyses including hematology, chemistry, parasitology and other clinical pathological procedures; insures quality control of laboratory results; maintains the diagnostic equipment in calibrated working order; maintains the laboratory in a clean, professional state.
- Submits pathology samples to laboratory, and distributes other biological samples to researchers, museums and universities.
- Performs maintenance of inventory of required surgical, medical, pharmacological and office supplies.



- Performs maintenance, cleanliness and sterility of hospital facilities and equipment.
- Maintains cooperative relationship with animal health and management departments in order to provide superior medical care for the collection.
- Constantly strives to further the mission of the organization and avidly supports all the parks of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium including Zoombezi Bay, Safari Golf Club and The Wilds.
- Implements sustainable practices in daily tasks whenever possible.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Transportation:

- Personal transportation is required for all preceptors.

Housing:

- On-site shared housing is available at \$65.00/ week or \$250/month.

Qualifications

- Second Year Veterinary Technology Student or recent graduate (2 years or less) currently enrolled in an accredited program or currently licensed/registered and practicing veterinary technician.
- Enrollment or degree in a Veterinary Technology Program accredited by the AVMA CVTEA.
- For graduated Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVT), certification by the state of Ohio veterinary medical board is required.
- Experience working or interning in a veterinary practice directly with animals is preferred.
- Knowledge of exotic animals and their medicine strongly encouraged.
- Ability to provide own transportation is required.
- Ability to communicate well both verbally and in writing required.
- Ability to plan and organize work in an efficient and cost-effective manner and without direct supervision required.
- Ability to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with all team members and contacts regarding company business required.
- Ability to adhere to standard operating procedures including but not limited to safety protocols required.
- Proof of negative TB screening and rabies vaccination prior to placement is required.
- Possession of a current valid motor vehicle operator's license and a good driving record required.
- Ability to adhere to The Wilds drug-free workplace policy
- Ability to successfully complete a criminal history background check



Veterinary Student Research Externship

Background: The Wilds is situated on nearly 10,000 acres of reclaimed surface-mined land in southeastern Ohio. We are a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support conservation through innovative education, breeding, and research programs that emphasize the protection and intensive management of our wildlife resources.

Description: Assist the Department of Conservation Medicine with research project management and research development to ensure excellent research services at The Wilds.

- Must be available Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.
- The externship is a minimum time commitment of 8 weeks.
- Preferred dates are from May through September.
- This is an unpaid position. Students may qualify for a RISE scholarship.
- On site shared housing is available at \$250/month. Some remote work may be possible.

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Responsibilities

- Provide research support for the Department of Conservation Medicine
- Manage biological samples using appropriate personal protective equipment
- Conduct independent literature reviews
- Assist with instruction of Wildecamp Program, providing instruction to camp attendees aged 8-18 year old children.
- Learn how to use ZIMS Medical Record System and conduct medical record database searches.
- Participate in weekly journal club rounds, and monthly zoo pathology and radiology rounds with The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Columbus Zoo & Aquarium
- Assist in writing project summaries and proposals
- This is not a clinical medicine position



Location:

The Wilds is situated on nearly 10,000 acres of reclaimed surface-mined land in southeastern Ohio. The Wilds has a remote location and is approximately 20 miles from Zanesville, the nearest city.

Transportation:

Personal transportation is required for all preceptors.

Housing:

On-site shared housing is available at \$65.00/ week or \$250/month.

Qualifications

- First or second year veterinary students currently enrolled in an AVMA-COE accredited program.
- Knowledge of exotic animals and their medicine is preferred.
- Ability to provide own transportation is required.
- Ability to communicate well both verbally and in writing required.
- Ability to plan and organize work in an efficient and cost-effective manner and without direct supervision required.
- Ability to work Monday-Friday 8 am-5 pm and up to 60 hours/week.
- Ability to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with all team members and contacts regarding company business required.
- Ability to adhere to standard operating procedures, including but not limited to required safety and biosecurity protocols.
- Proof of medical insurance and driving insurance.
- Proof of negative tuberculosis screening and current protective rabies titer or proof of recent booster prior to placement.
- Ability to adhere to The Wilds drug-free workplace policy.
- Ability to successfully complete a criminal history background check.