

Volunteer Positions available at the Wildlife Health Center at the Bronx Zoo

Thanks for your interest in the Wildlife Health Center Volunteer Program. Our volunteers work with the Hospital husbandry staff, in a zoo hospital environment, they do not shadow the Veterinarians. If the program is what you are looking for, follow the application submission guidelines contained in this document. **Please include when you would be interested in volunteering – Fall, Spring, only weekends etc. – in your cover letter.**

Duties: Volunteers assist various members of the hospital support staff in a variety of zoo veterinary hospital duties. In addition to routine animal care and cleaning, there are miscellaneous paperwork, computer data entry, and cleaning and inventory tasks. This is an unpaid volunteer position (not an internship). Neither housing nor stipends are available. Positions are highly competitive.

Contacts:

For all inquiries, please e-mail or call:

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Requirements:

- ❖ Sincere interest in wildlife conservation / Veterinary science
- ❖ Written letter of intent / career aspirations*
- ❖ Current resume*
- ❖ Two current **written** professional reference letters*
- ❖ On-site interview
- ❖ Prior **paid** experience working in a Veterinary hospital
 - ❖ OR prior experience volunteering or working with exotic animals
 - ❖ OR significant volunteering work experience in a Veterinary hospital (not shadowing a veterinarian)
- ❖ Must have completed High School and one year of college

** Any of these components can be sent electronically to Leidlin@wcs.org*

Once accepted into the program:

- ❖ Negative Tuberculosis test (within 3 months of start date)
- ❖ Completed Rabies vaccination series (3 shots)
- ❖ Proof of up-to-date Tetanus vaccination
- ❖ Proof of Health Insurance coverage

Time commitment: Variable.

Summer volunteers must be able to work at least two complete days per week for 12 weeks. Summer applications close in the spring, but are evaluated and accepted on a rolling admission basis.

Year round (Academic year) volunteers must be willing to work at least one day per week for 6 months. There are no application deadlines for these positions. Volunteers may be able to work multiple days, if openings are available.

Other arrangements may be made on a case by case basis.