



REHABILITATION INTERN JOB DESCRIPTION

CLASSIFICATION: Internship

REPORTS TO: Medical Director

WORK HOURS: Work hours are seasonally variable, typically 5 days/40 hours per week from 7:00am –3:00pm or 8:30am – 5:00pm. Weekends required. Some in-state travel required.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Rehabilitation Intern supports raptor rehabilitation including the areas of avian husbandry, handling of raptor species, reconditioning flight and release.

DUTIES AND EXPECTATIONS:

Skills learned include species identification and natural history, enclosure set up and proper husbandry techniques, raptor restraint/capture and other procedures as listed below. Individual intern experience, skills and performance will determine the range of activities added to his/her responsibilities over time. Advanced duties (animal care, rehabilitation care) will not be assigned until the intern has demonstrated understanding, proficiency and reliability in basic husbandry and intermediate tasks.

Animals and Care

- Support moving animals through the complete rehabilitation process in a timely manner
- Maintain highest quality of care standards
- Keep accurate and detailed animal health records and oversee documentation of daily animal care
- Handle animals in a manner that maximizes human and animal safety and that staff/volunteers are trained in and following safety procedures.
- Assist in the care and ensure proper development of baby raptors
- Support the transport and release of rehabilitation patients.
- Cleaning tasks (enclosure cleaning, laundry, dishes, sweeping and mopping floors).
- Other duties as assigned.

Teamwork

- Work closely with volunteers to ensure completion of daily tasks and quality of care
- Keep Medical Director apprised (in a timely manner) of animal intakes, animal care needs, and quality of animal care
- Maintain open lines of communication

- Support staff in answering wildlife-related phone inquiries.
- Communicate maintenance needs of hospital areas and outdoor flight cages to the Medical Director and Maintenance Manager in a timely fashion.

Professionalism

- Use all hospital equipment in an appropriate and safe manner
- Maintain all rehabilitation areas (inside and out) in a tidy and well-organized manner.
- Represent Blackland Prairie Raptor Center in a professional manner at all times.

SKILLS

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills; ability to interact effectively with the public, law enforcement, regulators, veterinarians, and others.
- Excellent organizational, detail, planning and time management skills.
- Self-motivated, able to work independently with limited supervision and as a member of a team.
- Ability to multi-task, manage multiple projects simultaneously and re-prioritize as needed.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Proactive approach in resolving problems with a positive outlook.
- A working knowledge of Microsoft Office programs and ability to learn database management including RaptorMed.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A passion for Blackland Prairie Raptor Center's mission and a keen interest in conservation.
- Previous experience in animal care (domestic or wildlife) is encouraged.
- A degree (or degree in progress) in natural sciences or wildlife management is preferred but we will consider interns from all disciplines.
- Good health and fitness to perform physically demanding tasks, such as cleaning and lifting, and work outdoors in all types of weather. Must be able to lift and carry up to 50 pounds safely.
- Possess good oral and written communication skills.
- Be able to learn quickly and perform various tasks in a fast-paced work environment; work quickly and efficiently while following directions and procedure exactly.
- Be able to perform repetitive tasks for extended periods of time.
- Be able to work independently and as a team member in collaboration with volunteers, other interns and staff.
- Must be able to personally and professionally handle the emotional aspects of euthanasia.
- Be 18 years of age or older. Must be legally entitled to work in the USA.

To apply send a resume and cover letter to rehab@bpraptorcenter.org