

Wildlife Care Intern Lead

at the Chintimini Wildlife Center

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The Chintimini Wildlife Center provides care for injured and orphaned wildlife with the goal of returning them to their natural habitat, and fosters a connection between people and wildlife through education. Chintimini is home to a wildlife rehabilitation clinic, a raptor conservation program and an education program – all located right outside Corvallis, Oregon.

Wildlife Care Intern Lead Position Description

In addition to the duties detailed on the wildlife care internship document, intern leads will take on more responsibilities to assist staff throughout our busy season. Intern leads may help lead daily projects, assist with behavioral observation and data collection, public education over the phone or in person, and other opportunities as assigned. With explicit prior approval from the clinic director, intern leads may also be trained in advanced patient care duties. A midterm evaluation may be conducted to discuss and give feedback regarding the position.

Expectations:

- Assist and lead wildlife care interns and volunteers on daily patient care and other tasks in wildlife rehabilitation clinic as directed by the clinic director and/or clinic staff
- Assist staff with advanced patient care or other projects as assigned by clinic director and/or clinic staff

Expected Duties with staff supervision:

Daily Work Flow:

- Ensure all aspects of assigned patient care is done accurately and on time
- Support tasks in clinic such as laundry, dishes, sweeping and mopping, daily/weekly checklists
- Cleaning and resetting patient enclosures and cages
- Maintaining patient charts and patient care areas
- Enclosure maintenance, repair, and construction
- Obtaining browse for enclosures and assisting in other horticultural tasks

Medications:

- Pulling up and administering daily medications
- Calculating medications
- Administering subcutaneous fluids on avian and mammal species
- Knowing commonly used medications and understanding when they are used for a patient
 - Antibiotics, pain medications and anti-inflammatories, antiparasitics, antifungals, etc.

Patient Admissions:

- Performing admissions and accepting animals from the public while following all intake and PPE protocols
- Educating public dropping off wildlife about the species, natural history and the next steps for that animal

Animal Handling/Restraint:

- Birds, including:
 - Juvenile and adult raptors
 - Juvenile and adult songbirds
 - Juvenile and adult waterfowl and seabirds
- Mammals, including:
 - Juvenile ground and tree squirrels
 - Juvenile skunks (once rabies vaccinated)
 - Juvenile raccoons (once rabies vaccinated)

Critical Care:

- Assisted feedings
- Gavaging/tube feedings
- Assist with monitoring patients while under anesthesia or other procedures

Infant/Juvenile Patient Care:

- Syringe feeding mammals
- Baby bird/raptor feedings

Hotline:

- Record/log all Hotline calls and voicemails on online database
- Answer and/or return phone calls as directed to advise a caller on a wildlife conflict (illness, injury, or similar situation)
- Recommend solutions which may include hospital admission, referrals to other agencies, supportive care, or no solution needed.

Chintimini Wildlife Center offers the Lead internship opportunity once throughout the year. **The six-month internship is offered March through August with three 8-hour shifts per week.** Interns will report to work at Chintimini Wildlife Center and perform animal care duties on site.

Due to the training and competency required, **interns must commit to 3 shifts per week.** There are two scheduled shifts per day, seven days per week. Start and end times for these shifts heavily depend on the time of year and our patient care needs. The clinic is open from 9am-5pm in the slow season, and 7am-8pm in the busy season. All interns must be available to work at least one weekend shift and one weekday shift per week.

2026 Internship Session:

“Busy Season” 8-hour shifts (typically mid/late march - sept/oct): 7am - 3pm and 12pm - 8pm

“Slow Season” 8-hour shifts: 9am - 5pm

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will:

- Have 250 hours or more in a wildlife rehabilitation setting
- Have participated in two or more Wildlife Care Internship sessions in the CWC Clinic or a similar internship experience at another facility
- Have or be working towards a degree in Biology, Zoology, Wildlife Conservation, or other related fields
- Have interest and experience with wildlife, rehabilitation, animal care, and animal husbandry
- Be able to follow directions carefully and have strong time management skills

Requirements

Requirements for all applicants include:

- 18 years of age
- Graduated from high school or received a GED
- Must be willing to wear a mask both indoors and outdoors
- Must be rabies vaccinated or willing to become rabies vaccinated
- Access to a form of transportation to and from CWC

Working Conditions

Intern duties will be performed on Chintimini’s 9.4-acre property which includes grassland, wetland (including a large pond), riparian and deciduous bottomland forest habitats. Must be able to stand for long periods of time, and frequently lift 25-50 pounds. Interns will be working with/near live animals, so should be prepared for a job that is as messy as it is rewarding!

Compensation

This is an unpaid volunteer position, and participation in our internship program does not guarantee paid employment with us in the future.

College Credits

If approved by your college advisor, you may be able to earn credit hours in exchange for your time. If this is something you are interested in, please indicate so in your application and begin discussing with your advisor **prior to your interview**. Interns are responsible for any and all paperwork involved, so be proactive in understanding and completing all requirements for earning credit.

If you have any questions about this position, contact our staff via the info below:

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ABOUT THE CHINTIMINI WILDLIFE CENTER: Since 1989, the Chintimini Wildlife Center has worked to protect and celebrate Oregon's wildlife. Our efforts have served over 25,000 animals to date, and improved the lives of countless others through community outreach and education. To learn more and get involved, please visit us on the web at <http://chintiminiwildlife.org>