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Wildlife and Conservation Medicine Veterinary Internship

General Overview

CROW is a nonprofit wildlife hospital and rehabilitation center providing care for native and migratory wildlife on the Gulf Coast of Southwest Florida. CROW's fully equipped wildlife hospital admits over 6,000 patients per year including more than 200 different species of birds, mammals, and reptiles. The goal of wildlife rehabilitation is to return sick, injured or orphaned wild animals back to the wild through evidence-based wildlife and conservation medicine, as well as the One World, One Health concept.

Veterinary Internship Description

CROW Interns participate in daily hospital and rehabilitation center activities, working closely with a full-time, boarded veterinary specialist, staff veterinarian, Certified Veterinary Technicians, licensed wildlife rehabilitators, and other staff, CROW students, and volunteers. CROW's 4,800 square foot hospital provides state-of-the-art equipment and facilities, including digital radiography, ultrasound, rigid & flexible endoscopy, tonometry, in-house lab (with iSTAT & Abaxis VS2), dedicated surgical suite and critical care units, electronic records database, and enriched, welfare-oriented rehabilitation caging. Interns will learn to identify disease patterns, determine appropriate treatment protocols, and have primary case management of patients in the hospital. They also learn cutting edge anesthesia and analgesia, soft tissue and orthopedic surgery, and necropsy techniques. In addition to clinical duties, interns participate in research and conservation projects, give case and journal club rounds, and help teach students, staff, and volunteers.

Duration

The internship program is a 1-year duration with 2 positions available. Interns are offered 5 PTO (paid time off) days, 5 CE (continuing education) days, as well as on-site housing, utilities, health care, stipend, and licensure fees are available through a benefits package.

Location

CROW operates on a 12.5-acre campus on Sanibel Island, Florida. The organization's hospital and visitor education center are located adjacent to J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Beaches and local restaurants are a short distance from campus. The mainland of Fort Myers past the Sanibel Causeway is 15 minutes away from CROW.

Requirements

Must provide proof of current tetanus immunizations and proof of pre-exposure rabies series upon acceptance.

How to Apply

Applications are done through the Veterinary Internships and Residency Matching Program (VIRMP). For questions please email rbast@crowclinic.org or hbarron@crowclinic.org.