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Wildlife Care and Education Internship

Overview

Each year, CROW's nonprofit hospital and rehabilitation center provides care for ~ 4000 patients representing over 200 species of native and migratory birds, mammals and reptiles (including sea turtles) on Southwest Florida's Gulf Coast. Our mission is to advance the health, welfare, and conservation of wildlife through research, education, and cutting edge medical and surgical care.

CROW interns participate in daily hospital and rehabilitation center activities, working closely with boarded veterinary specialists, certified veterinary technicians and licensed rehabilitators. CROW's 4,800 sq ft 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 database, and enriched, welfare-oriented rehabilitation caging.

The Wildlife Care and Education Intern works with both students and volunteers to acclimate and train them in all parts of the hospital, assists the staff in establishing a training guide, supervises end of day hospital procedures with students, conducts mid-term evaluations and skills checklists and acts as Resident Assistant in student housing. This position also works at the Admissions Desk as needed, coordinating animal rescues and releases and educating the public on wildlife. On the clinical side, the intern assists in maintaining care manuals, updates the online education system, works with staff to gain experience in diagnostic and medical care, assists in the rehabilitation of wildlife and acts as a floater throughout the entire hospital. This position participates in events and presentations at the Visitor Center and at CROW events.

The program is 1 year in duration and starts June 1 each year.

Location

CROW operates on a 12.5-acre campus on beautiful Sanibel Island, Florida. The organization's hospital and visitor education center are located adjacent to the waterways and mangroves of the J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge. The Gulf of Mexico is a short bike ride away and bicycles are provided. On-site housing, utilities, and Continuing Education time and money are available as part of benefits package.

Interested applicants should send a letter of intent, CV, and 3 letters of reference to hbarron@crowclinic.org

