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Veterinary Internship in Wildlife and Conservation Medicine

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.
- 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 are supervised and assisted by a full-time, boarded specialist veterinarian, veterinary interns, Certified Veterinary Technicians, wildlife rehabilitators, and other staff, students, and volunteers.
- Interns will gain an understanding of the entire rehabilitation process from admittance to release through evidence-based wildlife and conservation medicine, as well as the One World, One Health concept.

Veterinary Internship Description

- 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 starting on **July 1st** 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

- All **accepted** applicants must agree to and sign rules and regulations in regard to commitment, housing, dress code, code of conduct, photo policies, etc. along with liability waivers.
- **Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination is REQUIRED upon acceptance.**
- **Must provide proof of current tetanus immunizations and proof of pre-exposure rabies series upon acceptance.**

How to Apply

- All applications are done through the Veterinary Internships and Residency Matching Program (VIRMP).
- For questions please email rbast@crowclinic.org