

Animal Care Volunteer

Do you love wildlife? Do you want to volunteer for a rehabilitation centre that helps thousands of wild animals a year? BC SPCA Wild ARC is currently seeking volunteers to assist with the care of sick, injured, and orphaned wild patients, and to help maintain the rehabilitation facility.

Responsibilities (Listed in Order of Time Spent)

- Clean and sanitize animal enclosures/pools of greenery, enrichment items, food, and feces
- Set up enriching indoor and outdoor habitats for wild patients
- Prepare diets and administer feedings to adult and juvenile wild patients
- Laundry, dishes, clean kennels/enrichment items and general cleaning duties (sweep/mop/tidy)
- Monitor health and condition of animals under the guidance of wildlife rehabilitators

Skills and experience required

- Comfortable, calm, and patient around small birds and mammals
- Good communication skills and attention to detail
- Able to follow instructions, prioritize and work independently
- Previous animal experience is beneficial, but all necessary training is provided

Time commitment

- This role involves a regular weekly four-hour animal care shift
- Volunteers must commit to a minimum of one shift a week for a period of six months

What we hope you will gain from your volunteer experience

- Unique opportunity to work as a team helping wildlife return to health and be released into the wild
- Build meaningful connections with other people who share the same passion for local wildlife welfare
- Expand your knowledge and skills in the field of animal care
- Increase your awareness of local wildlife species, natural history, and urban wildlife issues and welfare

Requirements for the position

- 19 years or older (Students aged 16-18 may volunteer via school work experience program)
- Willingness to be vaccinated for zoonotic diseases applicable to the worksite (Tetanus vaccine)
- Completion of online Volunteer Orientation, 3 online workshops, and 4 on-site training shifts

Working Conditions**

- Work outside in a variety of weather conditions
- Walk on uneven ground (mulch, gravel), and up/down low grade hills
- Be on feet for a four hour shift & bend/kneel/squat
- Occasionally lift 30 pounds
- Use fine motor skills (dexterity)



**BC SPCA is an inclusive organization and will make reasonable accommodations to working conditions upon request. Please email us at info@wildarc.com if you have any concerns or questions.

Ready to join our team?
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