

VET MEDICINE

EXTERNSHIP POSITION DESCRIPTION

REPORTS TO
MEDICAL DIRECTOR

SHIFT
8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
MINIMUM OF 40.0 HOURS PER WEEK FOR 3 WEEKS

Background:

Provide externs with a comprehensive introduction to wildlife medicine in a high-volume, fully operational veterinary hospital, while also exposing them to the basics of wildlife husbandry and rehabilitation. Students will receive hands-on training in triage, physical exams, diagnostic testing, anesthesia, and surgery across a variety of species. This experience allows students to apply the skills and techniques learned in school to novel species and gain familiarity with common diseases and injuries frequently encountered in wildlife care.

Expected Work Conditions:

The work environment includes both indoor spaces with air conditioning and outdoor conditions characterized by extreme heat, high humidity, and occasional storms. Some tasks may take place in areas with abundant wild plants, so it's important to be aware of any allergies to local flora. Additionally, exposure to mosquitoes and other small insects is likely.

Pre-requisites:

- Must be in the final two years of veterinary school or have graduated from a veterinary program within the last year.
- Must complete and present a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation on a specific topic of interest currently under discussion at SFWC, with prior approval of supervisor.

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