



# WILDLIFE CARE INTERN DESCRIPTION

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## DURATION OF INTERNSHIP

3-month minimum, a longer duration is appreciated. Starting anytime.

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## LOCATION OF INTERNSHIP

The Toucan Rescue Ranch (TRR)  
San Isidoro, Heredia, Costa Rica

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## THE TOUCAN RESCUE RANCH

Toucan Rescue Ranch (TRR) focuses on the care, rehabilitation and study of Costa Rican toucans and other wildlife. We receive and care for confiscated, sick and injured wildlife from government agencies. TRR gives them a loving home with the goal of providing appropriate medical treatment, rehabilitation and then, when possible, returning them to its natural environment. The Toucan Rescue Ranch is a licensed Costa Rican wildlife rescue facility and a 501(c)3 charitable organization in the United States (EIN: 80-0516453).

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The Toucan Rescue Ranch is looking for interns to work with Ranch staff to complete the daily feeding and care of the over 170 animals living at the Ranch. Interns start the day helping with the morning feeding. This includes chopping fruit and vegetables, feeding the adult sloths, accompanying a staff member feeding and providing fresh water for the over 150 animals living at the Ranch. Depending on the number of volunteers, this can take a few hours. When the morning feeding is completed, the food for the rest of the day is prepped and then the interns move on to other activities.

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## WILDLIFE CARE INTERN ACTIVITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

You will be working alongside volunteers and TRR's small staff. You will be asked to various activities and have several responsibilities.

### **Activities include:**

- Cleaning animal carriers
- Cleaning the clinic
- Working with our biologist on enclosure enhancements
- Helping with general maintenance with our staff and volunteers
- Data entry for business administrators

### **You may be asked to help with other activities such as:**

- Cleaning bird and mammal enclosures
- Helping with the care of the animals in the clinic

*We are always open to suggestions. Let us know if you have a special skill you think will be useful.*



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## REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants require an animal related discipline or have some experience working with animals. Experience traveling to a tropical country, living in remote conditions are preferred.

Must complete required vaccinations and a tetanus vaccination. Must purchase current international health insurance while in Costa Rica.

### **Basic Requirements:**

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Provide proof of health insurance and current tetanus vaccination
- Basic Spanish proficiency
- Moderate degree of fitness
- The ability to follow directions with attention to detail
- A positive “can-do” attitude and the ability to work well in a team environment
- Experience working with wildlife or animals is a plus

### **Ensuring *Best Practice* Implementation:**

- Fostering practices that support and improve the Ranch’s philosophy, goals, and standards of care.
- Maintaining quality medical care by establishing and enforcing organization standards.
- Maintaining the TRR patient care database by entering new data and verifying findings and reports.
- Maintaining and sharing professional and technical knowledge by reviewing professional publications, establishing personal networks, benchmarking state-of-the-art practices and participating in professional societies.

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## WORK SCHEDULE

The Wildlife Care Intern typically works five days a week with two days off. Days off normally will not be on weekends as these are often the busiest days at the Ranch. Workdays begin with animal feeding at 7:00am and end at 3:00pm.

You will learn about your schedule and days off during your orientation at the Ranch. If you have any specific requests, please email Carol at [carol@toucanrescueranch.org](mailto:carol@toucanrescueranch.org) to submit your request.

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## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM BENEFITS

**Internships are voluntary self-funded positions. You will be responsible for all travel expenses/flights and immigration expenses.**

**Housing:** TRR will organize your housing with fellow volunteers and interns working for the center or at a local homestay. Expenses for housing and food will be \$600-\$800 per month.

**Service Fee:** As an intern you will not be asked to pay the \$50-per week service fee. This fee has been waived.



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## I'D LIKE TO APPLY

If you would like to be a part of the TRR team, please send the following documents to [info@toucanrescueranch.org](mailto:info@toucanrescueranch.org)

- One-page cover letter of interest – specify which internship(s) you are interested in and when you are available to start
- CV or resume
- 3-5-minute video explaining why you feel you're the right candidate for the position (MOV file)
- Contact information for three professional references

We will promptly contact you to schedule a Skype interview after reviewing your application. If you have any questions we are always available via email to answer any questions.

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## CONTACT

Toucan Rescue Ranch

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