



# TOUCAN RESCUE RANCH RELEASE SITE - COORDINATOR INTERN DESCRIPTION

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## DURATION OF INTERNSHIP

6 to 12-months, a longer duration is preferred.

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## LOCATION OF INTERNSHIP

The Toucan Rescue Ranch (TRR) – Release Site  
Nazareth, Sarapiquí, Costa Rica

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## THE TOUCAN RESCUE RANCH (TRR)

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).

Our Release Site is located in Sarapiquí, about 1 ½ hours from the Ranch. We are implementing both bird and sloth release programs and need dedicated individuals to care for the animals in their final stages of preparing for release.

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## PRIMARY ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This intern will work under the direction of Leslie and Jorge. They will have primary responsibility for ensuring the animals are receiving quality care and other activities are being completed correctly. They will be responsible for conducting daily rounds, monitoring all animal care activities, and providing Leslie with regular status reports.

The intern will have an opportunity to participate in the following activities:

### **Animal Husbandry**

- Feed and medicate animals at the Release Site
- Clean enclosures and general maintenance
- Assist in the triage of animals received at the Release Site. Triage will determine if the animal can be treated at the Release Site, needs to be sent to the Ranch for clinic care, or is an emergency requiring immediate direction from Leslie or Janet, our Vet.
- Manage animal enrichment
- Manage and order animal food
- Backup to other Release Site Interns
- Night time animal monitoring

### **Administrative Work**

- Maintaining records for the care, feeding, and progress of the animals at the Release Site



- Assigning daily activities between the interns
- Communicate with Leslie on current issues and disseminate any instructions received
- Provide Leslie with a regular status report
- Manage projects, such as wildlife monitoring, being conducted at the Release Site

#### **Release Site Coordinator Focus**

- Implement approved pre-release plans
- Monitor delivery of care by completing rounds, documenting care, identifying progress toward desired release behaviors
- Monitor and manage the Toucan Breeding program
- Identify and communicate abnormal animal conditions by alerting supervisory personnel
- Initiate and implement effective monitoring programs for releases and existing wildlife
- Significant time will be spent monitoring releases and existing wildlife

*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 must have experience in a veterinary setting, have excellent communication skills, a strong interest in animal welfare and conservation. Coursework in veterinary studies, primatology, zoology, environmental education, wildlife ecology or a related field is required. 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 care by establishing and enforcing organization standards.
- 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

All Release Site interns work 10 days on and then have 4 days off. Work hours will vary with assigned activities and will include night monitoring responsibilities.

There are always at least two interns working. There must be at least one intern onsite at all times.

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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:** Provided by TRR. Includes utilities.

**Meals:** Provided by TRR.

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

**Other:** All other costs are to be paid for by the intern. This includes travel expenses, medical insurance, entertainment expenses, and a 3-day trip out of the country every three months to renew your visa.

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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

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