



ANIMAL HUSBANDRY INTERN DESCRIPTION

DURATION OF INTERNSHIP

6-month minimum, a longer duration is appreciated. Needed by end of November. Start as soon as possible.

LOCATION OF INTERNSHIP

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

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 an intern to work with Ranch staff and other volunteers to complete the daily feeding and care of the over 170 animals living at the Ranch. This intern has primary responsibility for ensuring animals are fed and enclosures are clean. Working closely with the kitchen supervisor, who is responsible for food preparation, this intern participates in the feeding and cleaning, and provides direction to volunteers helping with these activities.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY ACTIVITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Activities include:

- Feed long-term resident animals including raptors
- Clean enclosures
- Identify and communicate enclosure repairs needed including replacing perches
- Train new volunteers
- Help with food preparation
- Help with general maintenance
- Help with enrichment for the animals
- Help with monitoring animals being evaluated for release

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

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 have 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.

WORK SCHEDULE

The Animal Husbandry Intern works 6 days a week with two days off one week a month. Days off are not necessarily on the weekend. Workdays begin with animal feeding at 7:00am and end at 3:00pm. Daily schedule needs to be flexible depending on the day’s workload.

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 to submit your request.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM BENEFITS AND COSTS

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: Meals 6 days a week. Meals will be vegetarian. We will show you the local stores where you can buy additional food to supplement your meals.

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.

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



- 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.

CONTACT

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