



TOUCAN RESCUE RANCH RELEASE SITE – TSI INTERN DESCRIPTION

DURATION OF INTERNSHIP

6 to 12-months, a longer duration is preferred. Starting: February/March 2018

LOCATION OF INTERNSHIP

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

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 their 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. Our Sloth Release Program is being implemented in conjunction with The Sloth Institute.

THE SLOTH INSTITUTE (TSI)

The Sloth Institute Costa Rica (TSI) was founded in 2014 for the purpose of enhancing the welfare of captive and wild sloths through research and educations and to collaborate with sloth rescue programs to assist with the care, raising and release of orphaned sloths.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

This person must be extremely dedicated to sloth conservation and willing to forgo personal comfort for the benefit of the animals. You will be hot, sweaty, eaten by mosquitos, sleepy, sore, and tired but you'll still feel that there is no other place in the world that you would rather be than watching sloths in the jungle. The ideal person will sleep, breathe and dream about sloths!

Research and fieldwork

- Assist in monitoring wild sloth population
- Assist in fieldwork/post-release monitoring at night
- Assist in maintaining records
- Assist in analyzing data

Animal husbandry

- Assist in preparing food/collecting wild food items for sloths
- Assist in feeding, cleaning and enriching sloth cages
- Assist in rescue and release of sloths



- Assist in medical treatments when needed
- Assist in communicating with community about sloth release project
- Night time animal monitoring

Other Activities

- Backup to other Release Site interns
- Assist in the feeding and care of birds in the pre-release and breeding enclosures
- Assist in the mapping of the plants and trees on the release site
- Assist in the monitoring of wild animals and identification of what they eat
- General facility maintenance (yard work, cleaning)

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

REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants must have experience with animal husbandry, 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.

WORK SCHEDULE

All Release Site interns work 11 days on and then have 3 days off. Work hours will vary with assigned activities and will include night monitoring responsibilities. Expect long days and split shifts.

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



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: Vegetarian meals provided by TRR.

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.

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