



TRR RELEASE SITE ANIMAL SPECIALIST INTERNSHIP

DURATION OF INTERNSHIP

6 months

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

TRR has multiple locations. This is your primary location. However, depending on evaluation and team availability you may be asked to transfer sites.

THE TOUCAN RESCUE RANCH (TRR)

The Toucan Rescue Ranch's (TRR) mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and release Costa Rica wildlife. TRR works with a model that focuses on conservation, education, and research to ensure a brighter tomorrow for Costa Rica wildlife.

TRR's emphasis is on the care, rehabilitation, and release of national wildlife. We receive and care for confiscated, sick, and injured animals from government agencies. The Toucan Rescue Ranch works closely with the Ministry of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica (MINAEC) who brings injured and displaced wildlife to the center. TRR provides sanctuary while giving treatment and rehabilitation. Whenever possible the animal is released to their natural environment.

The Toucan Rescue Ranch is a licensed Costa Rica wildlife rescue facility, Costa Rica foundation (300667701803) and a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (EIN: 80-0516453).

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

PRIMARY ACTIVITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Animal Specialist Intern will work under the direction of the Release Site Manager and Founder Leslie. The Animal Specialist Intern will have an opportunity to participate in the following activities:

Animal Husbandry

- Feed and monitor animals at the Release Site
- Clean enclosures and general maintenance



- Triage 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 TRR Headquarters for clinic care, or is an emergency requiring immediate direction from Leslie or Janet, our Vet.
- Assist in exams and treatments
- Animal enrichment
- Backup to other Release Site Interns
- Night time animal monitoring

Administrative Work

- Manage cleanliness and ordering of animal care supplies
- Evaluate and perfect quality of rehab animals' diets
- Complete thorough record keeping, and detail observations as needed

Animal Specialist Focuses

- Initiate approved care plans related to treatments, procedures, medications and continuing care requirements for rescues received at the Release Site
- Identify and communicate abnormal animal conditions by alerting supervisory personnel
- Monitor delivery of care of rescues received at the Release Site by completing patient rounds, documenting care, identifying progress toward desired care outcomes
- Review the care plan with wildlife in conjunction with the direct care providers

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 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.



Basic Requirements:

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Provide proof of emergency health insurance while in Costa Rica
- Provide proof of current tetanus and rabies vaccinations
- Basic Spanish proficiency
- Moderate degree of fitness
- First Aid course is highly recommended
- 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 and 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.

You will learn about your schedule and days off during your orientation at the Toucan Rescue Ranch.

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 and Wifi. Sloth Interns will stay at either the Sloth House at TRR Headquarters at the Intern House (6-minute walk).

Meals: Meals are provided 7-days a week. We will show you the local stores where you can buy additional food to supplement your meals. Please let us know if you are vegetarian, vegan, or have special dietary requirements.



Other: All other costs are to be paid for by the intern. This includes travel expenses, medical insurance, entertainment expenses, and a 5-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 applications@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
- 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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