



# FUNDACIÓN THE TOUCAN RESCUE RANCH

## CLINIC INTERNSHIP – RELEASE SITE

### THE TOUCAN RESCUE RANCH

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).

### RS CLINIC INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Release Site Clinic Intern works under the direction of the vet manager at the Release Site to care for the animals at the clinic undergoing rehabilitation. Maintaining supplies and clinic records. Conducting treatments, examinations, diagnostic procedures, feeding and caring. Expect to work long hours and to be available for emergencies. The Release Site Clinic Intern is also responsible to complete the daily feeding and care of Toucan Rescue Ranch. This intern will provide daily support to the Release Site Animal Care Intern for ensuring animals are fed and enclosures are clean. This means the intern will participate in feeding and cleaning, besides the daily clinic work.

### DURATION OF INTERNSHIP

6 Months

### LOCATION OF INTERNSHIP

TRR Release Site, Nazareth de Sarapiquí, Costa Rica

### SKILLS YOU WILL LEARN

- Teamwork
- Exposure to the running of a wildlife rescue center
- Triage
- Conducting intake examinations
- Animal restraint techniques
- Medication administration
- Testing procedures
- Safety and sterilization best practice
- Anesthesia procedures
- Small animal health management
- Clinic records maintenance

## 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.

### Animal Husbandry Activities

- Feed and monitor animals at the Release Site
- Clean enclosures and general maintenance
- Assist in exams and treatments
- Animal enrichment
- Backup to Release Site Animal Care Intern
- Nighttime animal monitoring

### Clinic

- Feed and monitor animals in the clinic.
- Clean clinic and kennels. ☒ Triage animals received at the Toucan Rescue Ranch HQ and sent to the Release Site
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- Assist in exams and treatments.
- Properly maintenance regarding animal enclosure and zookeeping.

### Administrative Work

- Evaluate and perfect quality of animals' diets.
- Complete thorough record keeping, and detail observations as needed with the use of an online clinic system managed by headquarters.

### Other Activities

- Backup to other Release Site interns such as Saving Sloths Together technicians.
- 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, facility cleaning.

## REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS

### General 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 rabbies vaccination
- The ability to follow directions with attention to detail
- A positive "can-do" attitude and the ability to work well in a team environment

### Specific Requirements:

- Coursework in veterinary studies, primatology, zoology, environmental education, wildlife ecology or a related field
- Experience in a veterinary setting

- A strong interest in animal welfare and conservation
- Excellent communication skills
- Moderate degree of fitness

**Other Valuable Skills:**

- First Aid course is highly recommended
- Experience traveling to a tropical country, living in remote conditions are preferred
- Experience working with wildlife is a plus

**Ensuring Best Practice Implementation:**

- Fostering practices that support and improve the Ranch’s philosophy and goals
- Maintaining quality by establishing and enforcing organization standards

**WORK SCHEDULE**

The Clinic Intern works 5 days a week with two days off. Days off are not necessarily on the weekend. Daily schedule needs to be flexible depending on the animals in the clinic. Night work is required. Works long hours and expect to be ready for emergencies. 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 and immigration expenses.

**Housing:** Provided by TRR. Includes utilities and Wifi.

**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, common household 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 go to <http://toucanrescueranch.org/internships/> , scroll down and click the APPLY HERE button.

You will be asked for:

- One-page cover letter of interest – specify which internship you are interested and the start date
- 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.

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