



FUNDACIÓN THE TOUCAN RESCUE RANCH

HUSBANDRY INTERNSHIP

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).

HUSBANDRY INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Animal Husbandry Intern is responsible to complete the daily feeding and care of Toucan Rescue Ranch. This intern has primary responsibility for ensuring animals are fed and enclosures are clean. You will work closely with the Kitchen & Animal Care Employee, who is responsible for food preparation. This intern participates in feeding, cleaning, and provides direction to short-term volunteers helping with these activities. This Intern will help oversee general maintenance and repairs of the property. Will work with TRR's biologist on enrichment activities. As well as train Toucan Team Volunteers and manage the enclosure cleaning schedule.

DURATION OF INTERNSHIP

About 4 months. See the specific dates on our website.

LOCATION OF INTERNSHIP

TRR Headquarters, San Isidro de Heredia, Costa Rica

SKILLS YOU WILL LEARN

- Teamwork
- Exposure to the running of a wildlife rescue center
- Proper husbandry techniques
- Diet management
- Animal behavior
- Enrichment

ACTIVITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 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
- Ensuring correct health and safety practices around animals
- Observing animals' health and communicating with the vet staff regarding the population
- Helping organize shifts and schedules
- Assisting in the inspection of animals and their enclosures at the end of each shift
- Maintaining organic waste and compost is stored and disposed of properly
- Help with monitoring animals being evaluated for release
- Work with carnivorous animals and their dietary requirements such as dead & live prey

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 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:

- Must be fluent in either English or Spanish
- Studying an animal related discipline or have some experience working with animals.
- Provide proof of current rabies vaccination
- Basic Spanish proficiency
- Moderate degree of fitness
- Willingness to get dirty and sweaty on the job

Other Valuable Skills:

- Experience traveling to a tropical country, living in remote conditions are preferred.
- First Aid course is highly recommended
- 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 Intern works 5 days a week with two days off a week. Days off are not necessarily on the weekend. You will learn about your schedule and days off during your orientation at the Toucan Rescue Ranch.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM BENEFITS AND COSTS

We have tried to keep our internships free to make them available to the widest range of people. But as costs keep increasing and income from tourism varies, we must implement fees in order to maintain our operations. The fee covers room and board costs, the education you will receive, and contributes to the medical care, food, and general husbandry of the animals in our care. We continue to improve and expand our facilities and staff providing you with an excellent learning environment.

Cost \$3600, about \$30 per day

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 and immigration expenses, medical insurance, and entertainment expenses.

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 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.

CONTACT

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