



## FUNDACIÓN THE TOUCAN RESCUE RANCH

### SLOTH REHAB INTERNSHIP

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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).

#### SLOTH REHAB DESCRIPTION

The Toucan Rescue Ranch is looking for an intern to work with the Toucan Rescue Ranch's Sloth Team and Toucan Rescue Ranch's Staff to care for sloths living at the Ranch. The Sloth Rehabilitation Intern collaborates with the other Sloth Rehabilitation Interns, animal husbandry volunteers, the founder, and TRR medical staff to ensure the best possible care is provided for the sloths. The Sloth Intern's primary responsibilities include feeding, cleaning up after, exercising, taking to the bathroom, and monitoring baby and adult sloths. Additionally, the sloth intern will aid the clinic with procedures, cleaning, and feeding. You will not only be working with sloths. You would be also assisting with all animals received at TRR and animal's recovery in the clinic.

#### 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
- Species identification
- Animal handling
- Tube-feeding of mammals and birds
- Medication administration

#### ACTIVITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Feed adult and baby sloths' solid foods

- Potentially assist the Sloth Nanny with syringe-feed milk to baby sloths if needed
- Bathroom and monitor weights and overall health of sloths
- Perform physical therapy and exercise for release candidates on climbing structures, trees, etc.
- Clean outdoor sloth enclosures
- Provide enrichment to permanent sloth residents
- Monitor release candidate sloths in outdoor enclosures
- Help vet staff clean and organize the clinic TRR Sloth Rehabilitation
- Aid vet staff with clinical procedures, including exams, surgeries, emergency cases, wound care and caring for critical patients. Patients can be mammals, birds, marsupials, and reptiles.
- Carry out daily inspection (rounds) of the property to ensure all animals on the Toucan Rescue Ranch property are healthy and properly cared for, reporting any issues to the vet staff
- Take monthly animal inventory while recording new arrivals, deaths, releases, and transfers
- Train new interns for Sloth Team Extra tasks may include: Train release candidate birds of prey in pre-release enclosures (flying and hunting). This task is not necessarily exclusive to sloth interns but can be taken on by any long-term intern or volunteer. We are always open to suggestions. Let us know if you have a special skill you think will be useful.

## 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:

- Fluent in English. Basic Spanish proficiency.
- Experience in a veterinary setting
- Course work: veterinary, primatology, zoology, biology, environmental science, wildlife ecology discipline or have some experience working with animals
- Moderate degree of fitness

### Other Valuable Skills:

- First Aid course is highly recommended
- Experience traveling to a tropical country and 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 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** \$4200, about \$35 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 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.

## CONTACT

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