



FUNDACIÓN THE TOUCAN RESCUE RANCH

WILDLIFE VETERINARY INTERNSHIP - HEADQUARTERS

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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).

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Wildlife Veterinary Intern works under the direction of our vet and our founder to care for the animals in our clinic and 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.

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
- 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

Clinic and Animal Husbandry

- Feed and monitor animals in the clinic
- Clean clinic and kennels
- Triage animals received at the Toucan Rescue Ranch
- Assist in exams and treatments
- Animal enrichment
- Properly maintenance regarding animal enclosure and zookeeping.
- Backup to other Toucan Rescue Ranch Interns

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 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:

- Must be bi-lingual: Spanish and English
- 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 Wildlife Veterinary 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

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 is about \$40 a day and covers room and board costs as well as the education you will receive. We continue to improve and expand our facilities and staff providing you with an excellent learning environment. Your fee contributes to the medical care, food, and general husbandry of the animals in our care.

- Cost** \$4800, about \$40 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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