



**WILDLIFE VETERINARY INTERNSHIP
IN COSTA RICA
- RELEASE SITE -**



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).



INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Release Site Wildlife Veterinary 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 Wildlife Veterinary 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.

INTERNSHIP DURATION

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

INTERNSHIP LOCATION

TRR's 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 & RESPONSABILITIES

Clinic and Animal Husbandry:

- ✂ Feed and monitor animals.
- ✂ Clean clinic and kennels.
- ✂ Feed and monitor animals at the Release Site.
- ✂ Triage animals received at the Toucan Rescue Ranch HQ and sent to the Release Site or viceversa.



- ☞ Triage animals received at the Release Site. Triage will determine if the animal can be treated at the Release Site or needs to be sent to the TRR Headquarters for clinic care or is an emergency requiring immediate direction from the Vet Director and TRR Founder.
- ☞ Assist in exams and treatments.
- ☞ Animal enrichment.
- ☞ Properly maintenance regarding animal enclosure and zookeeping.
- ☞ Backup to other Toucan Rescue Ranch Interns.
- ☞ Nighttime 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 We are always open to suggestions. Let us know if you have a special skill you think will be useful.

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 at least 2 COVID-19 vaccines.
- ✂ Provide proof of current tetanus and rabies vaccinations.
- ✂ 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 or intermediate Spanish.
- ✂ Coursework in veterinary studies, primatology, zoology, environmental education, wildlife ecology or a related field.
- ✂ Have excellent communication skills.
- ✂ Have a strong interest in animal welfare and conservation.
- ✂ 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.
- ✂ Experience handling animals.



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. 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 to maintain our operations. The fee is about \$30 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: \$3600. **50% off limited time. \$1800**

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.



HOW 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 virtual 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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