

WildCat Ridge Sanctuary has immediate openings for hardworking and enthusiastic Animal Care Interns.

WildCat Ridge Sanctuary is a 501(c)3 lifetime sanctuary for captive born wildcats. The facility is located in Scotts Mills Oregon. WCR is a member of Tigers in America, Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries, American Association of Zoo Keepers and Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance. We care for lions, tigers, cougars, cheetahs, bobcats, servals, caracals, hybrid cats as well as some farm animals and poultry.

Internships are a great opportunity to learn more about working at a true sanctuary while adding skills to your resume. WCR is not open to the public allowing the Animal Care Interns to devote all their time to caring for the wildcat residents without taking time away to do tours. This provides an incredible opportunity to get to know each and every one of the animals that they work with on a more personal level.

The animal internship program will provide valuable knowledge and experience with exotic feline husbandry and provide valuable experience for a future in the field of zoo keeper or animal care in a Sanctuary setting.

Some of the training offered:

- Animal Observation: methods to assess an animal's behavior and their environment
- General Animal Information: protocol for keeping records of all aspects of sanctuary care
- Small Felid Husbandry: teaches daily care of domestics and hybrid cats
- Enrichment: procedures for creating enrichment for all the animals on-site
- Food Preparation: policies and procedures for food preparation, feeding, and watering for the wildcats
- Medication and Supplements: learn medications/supplements used for the residents and the best way to safely administer treatment
- Cleaning: procedures used for cleaning indoor and outdoor habitats

****WCR is a strict No-Contact facility****

EDUCATION AND PRE-REQUISITES

Applicant Requirements

- Must be 21 years of age at time of Internship
- Must be able to consistently lift 50 pounds
- Must be able to tolerate hay/dust/dander/other allergens
- Be able to climb, lift, grasp, bend, and operate a variety of hand-held tools and equipment.
- Be able to stand for long periods of time, stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl, push, pull, climb, balance
- Must be able to work in all weather including heat/humidity, cold temperatures and wet or muddy conditions
- Must be fluent in English (both written and verbal)
- Must provide your own health insurance
- Must have a valid drivers license and car (there is no local transit available)
- Be able to work in a team environment or independently
- Have a minimum of 6 months previous experience working with animals
- **Candidates should have at least one year of undergraduate program studies in zoology, biology, or other animal related fields.**

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Animal Care Internships run for 16 weeks up to 24 weeks. Interns work a minimum of four days a week with a minimum of 40 hours. Must be able to work week-ends and holidays. We do not offer housing accommodations, therefore housing and transportation are at the cost and responsibility of the intern. *A monthly stipend of \$560 is paid.*

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Send resume, cover letter, transcripts, and a copy of a current Driver's License along with two reference contacts to:

WildCat Ridge Intern Program
PO. Box 280
Scotts Mills, Oregon 97375
Or email information to: wildcatridgesanctuary@gmail.com

Applicants without the requested paperwork will not be considered.