



Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center

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W.E.R.C. is a non-profit organization licensed by the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and is accredited by the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council. W.E.R.C. is located on private property southwest of Morgan Hill. It is a place where orphaned, injured and sick native wildlife are cared for then returned to the natural habitat, healthy, wild, and free. A highly qualified and dedicated staff of primarily volunteers attends to the animal patients every day. Only native wildlife is accepted for treatment and services are rendered free of charge. The minimum age for a volunteer is 16 years old.

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Animal Caregiver - clean and maintain cages, prepare diets, feed animals, wash dishes, sort mealworms, and observe and deal directly with the wildlife. A four month commitment is expected and during the spring and summer months, volunteers are required to work 3 to 4 hour shifts, once a week.

Art - be responsible for developing and preparing fliers, posters and displays to promote wildlife rehabilitation and educational programs.

Correspondence - write thank you notes to contributors, answer incoming mail and working with special events, education, and fund raising.

Docents - assist W.E.R.C. teachers with school and field programs.

Fundraising - assist fund raising coordinator with developing and organizing activities such as raffles and sponsorships.

Grant Writer - write simple grants to generate funds for the education and rehabilitation programs. Experienced only.

Handyperson - do odd jobs around the site including repairing cages and equipment, painting and building.

Publicity Writer - write public service announcements, press releases, fliers, rescue stories, and assist with the W.E.R.C. Newsletter.

Record Keeping - maintain membership records, sponsorships, and volunteer hours.

Name: _____ Age _____ Today's Date _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____ Email: _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

List any previous work experience with animals _____

Have you ever volunteered or worked at another wildlife facility? Yes No If so, where? _____

Why are you interested in volunteering? _____

How did you hear about our facility? _____

What categories would you like to work in? (check all that apply): Animal Caregiver Grant Writer Handyperson

Correspondence Publicity Writer Docent Record Keeping Fund Raising Other _____

What skills or experiences do you have? Animal Rehabilitation Public Speaking Bird Identification Carpentry Teaching

Clerical Veterinary Experience Computer Applications Video Productions Web design Falconry Writing/Editing First

Aid Certificate Graphic Design/Artwork Grant Writing Other _____

Which days are you available for volunteer work? Sun Mon Tue Wed Thurs Fri Sat

What time of day are you available for work? (Animal Caregivers): Morning Afternoon (summer time only)

Please specify physical limitations that may influence your volunteer work (medications, injuries, allergies, etc.) _____

Date of last tetanus shot (required for animal caregivers) _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone# _____ Relationship _____

Thank you for providing us with this information. **Please see questions and information on next page.**

MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: W.E.R.C. P.O. Box 1105 Morgan Hill, CA 95038

You should be contacted within two weeks of mailing in your application. If you do not hear from us at the end of that time period, please contact us.

Animal Caregiver Questions and Concerns:

If you would like to be an animal caregiver, please think about the following items:

Can you make a commitment to one morning a week from 9 AM to 12 or 1 PM for at least four months? Yes ___ No___
We can work around vacations and appointments when necessary. Animals need care 7 days per week, 365 days per year. It is important that you notify us whenever you are unable to meet your commitment.

Would you have any problems walking up and down stairs since our center is on the slope of a hill?
Yes ___ No___

Are you bothered by yellow jackets or rodents? Sometimes in the summer we may have problems with yellow jackets attracted to the animals' food (mainly rodents). Yes ___ No___

The center can be hot in the summer and cold, wet and muddy in the winter. Would you have any problems with that?
Yes ___ No___

When working with the wild animals you cannot talk to them like they are pets. They do not have names only numbers.

There is a lot of grunge work... cleaning enclosures, preparing diets. But you will also be trained to work with the animals and learn how to care for them.

The animals need reliable care to be able to be released back to the wild. We welcome anyone who can make the commitment to work and learn with us.

Volunteer Orientation

Volunteer Orientation sessions are held once a month on Saturday at 10 a. m. at W.E.R.C. They last about one hour and have a non-refundable charge of \$10.00. When submitting an application, please indicate which session you will be attending and include your payment. Dates are listed on the volunteer page.

Once your application and payment are received you will be given directions to the center. We are located on private property in southwest Morgan Hill, off Watsonville Road and are not open to the public.

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