

JOB OPPORTUNITY:**WILDLIFE REHABILITATION TECHNICIAN****Description:**

Pacific Wildlife Care (PWC) in Morro Bay, CA is seeking an experienced Wildlife Rehabilitation Technician with strong organizational skills, enthusiasm for working with volunteers and a passion for engaging the public about living in peaceful co-existence with wildlife.

Pacific Wildlife Care is the only facility in San Luis Obispo County permitted to provide medical treatment and rehabilitation services to native wildlife and is member of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network. PWC treats 2,000 - 3,000 injured and orphaned wildlife patients and responds to 10,000 to 15,000 wildlife-related phone calls annually.

Pacific Wildlife Care offers an open and inviting work environment where passion for native wildlife and connecting people with nature is shared by all. Under the direction of the Director of Animal Care (wildlife veterinarian) and the Center Director, this position is supported by a team of five other Rehabilitation Technicians, interns and 40 – 60 volunteers.

Purpose:

The Pacific Wildlife Care Wildlife Rehabilitation Technician is responsible for day-to-day animal care/rehabilitation and the guidance and training of volunteers. This position implements established protocols to provide the highest possible standard of ongoing care for wildlife patients.

Compensation:

This is a full time (40hrs/week) position with a rotational schedule that changes quarterly. This is an hourly, non-exempt position at \$13.00/hour with 5 days PTO/ Paid Time Off.

Pacific Wildlife Care does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, marital status, national origin, political affiliation or mental or physical handicap. Position is open until filled.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities inclusive, but not limited to:

- Implement directives of the Director of Animal Care and Center Director for all daily operations at the facility
- Assist the veterinarian and/or provide assistance with medical procedures
- Intake, examination and treatment of injured and orphaned wildlife
- Maintain accurate records of examination, treatment, rehabilitation and final disposition of all patients
- Keep patient treatment boards current with case information/treatment/feeding schedule/rechecks
- Supervise interns and volunteers
- Provide leadership and support in the training of volunteers to motivate and promote technical advancement, knowledge and skill level
- Participate actively in the preparation of and execution of in-house volunteer trainings

- Direct and oversee volunteer duties, including maintaining cleanliness and order in all facility areas, janitorial/laundry, food preparation and appropriate housing of animals (dry and pool environments)
- Work cooperatively with other Center staff and contribute to a positive, friendly environment for the public, volunteers, interns, employees and Board of Directors
- Maintain a safe, professional working environment at all times
- Perform other duties as directed by the Director of Animal Care and Center Director to ensure a positive public image, enhance the operation of the organization and improve the quality of life for animals
- Comply with all MOU provisions of California Department of Fish and Wildlife and US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Ability to fulfill annual continuing education requirements and stay current in the field of Wildlife Rehabilitation

Qualifications and Required Skills:

- Five years' experience at a licensed wildlife rehabilitation facility
- Two years of supervisory experience working at a licensed wildlife rehabilitation facility
- Extensive experience in the care and rehabilitation of a broad range of wildlife species including birds, mammals and reptiles
- Wildlife rehabilitation skills including rescue and transport, performing physical examinations, patient triage, nutrition plan development, patient housing, and basic medical skills (administering injections, basic wound/fracture management, gavage, fluid therapy, pain management and euthanasia)
- Ability to delegate appropriately according to skills and abilities of staff and volunteers.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Ability to communicate effectively with staff, volunteers and the public and work as part of a team
- Ability to maintain enthusiasm and a professional demeanor while working under pressure
- Occasional work outdoors, sometimes in inclement weather. This is a physical job. Must have willingness to work with some physical risk while observing proper safety procedures
- Current California driver's license
- Tetanus vaccination and rabies pre-exposure

To apply, please send the following:

Employment application and current resume with a cover letter detailing experience and qualifications. Include names and contact information for three professional references that can speak directly to applicant's job qualifications.

Send to: Pacific Wildlife Care Rehabilitation Technician Search, P.O. Box 1134, Morro Bay, CA 93443, or email package to : vm@pacificwildlifecare.org

Note: Please do not call the Pacific Wildlife Care Center to inquire about the position. This is an animal hospital and the staff must remain focused on the care of animals. Please email questions or inquiries to the email address above. Thank you!