

Are you between 15 and 30 years of age? Are you a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection applies? Do you have a valid Social Insurance Number and are you legally entitled to work in Canada?

We are looking for a Wildlife Care Assistant - Canada Summer Jobs to join our team!

This exciting opportunity through the Canada Summer Jobs Program encourages you to bring your best self to work everyday to gather valuable work experience for future career development.

Position Profile:

Our Wildlife Care Assistant - Canada Summer Jobs provides youth with real-world learning opportunities in wildlife natural history, physiology, behavior, anatomy, nutrition, biosecurity, hygiene, volunteer management, and workplace health and safety. Program dates run from April 28, 2025 to August 31, 2025. Exact hours and length of placements are not known until granted and announced by the Canada Summer Jobs program.

Compensation:

\$17.40 per hour, increasing to the new minimum wage in BC on June 1, 2025.

Who YOU are:

You are an enthusiastic, goal-driven youth, with career aspirations in veterinary medicine, conservation, biology, zoology, veterinary medicine or similar discipline, who's not afraid to get your hands dirty, and work hard, to gain valuable professional experience.

You are a dedicated team player, who wants to leverage your unique talents to support the support the success of Wildlife Rescue's animal care program.

You embrace the opportunity to bring new ideas and innovative approaches to a not-for-profit driven by our mission, vision and values.

Who WE are:

Established in 1979, Wildlife Rescue Association of BC is a leader in the rehabilitation of wild animals and is committed to educating the public on how to coexist peacefully with wildlife. Located in Burnaby, BC, we are western Canada's busiest wildlife rehabilitation centre, with around 5,000 animal patients admitted each year.

The Wildlife Rescue Association of BC is located on the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hand and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples. We are grateful for the opportunity to be on this beautiful, shared territory.



Highlight of Key Responsibilities:

- Provide comprehensive care for nestling and fledgling songbirds, including feeding, cleaning, weighing and daily health checks.
- Prepare and deliver specialized diets to a variety of wildlife patients.
- Maintain clean and sanitized environments, including cages, aviaries, and equipment.
- Assist hospital staff with medical assessments and treatments.
- Communicate effectively with colleagues on patient progress, facility needs, and supply inventory.
- Assist with volunteer training.
- Balance multiple responsibilities in a dynamic, team-oriented workplace.

Key Qualifications & Experience

- Previous animal handling experience an asset.
- Excellent communication, organization, and time management skills.
- Ability to prioritize and problem-solve.
- Willingness to take initiative and work independently.
- Open availability (evenings, weekends, and statutory holidays).
- OR the right combination of skills and experience—we are looking for the right fit for our team and encourage all interested candidates to apply.

To be eligible for a Canada Summer Jobs opportunity, youth must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be between 15 and 30 years of age at the beginning of the employment period;
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection applies, and;
- Have a valid Social Insurance Number and be legally entitled to work in Canada.

Note:

- All candidates must be willing to submit proof of current tetanus and COVID-19 vaccination and to obtain criminal record check as per policy.
- WRA is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; It is WRA's policy to provide equal opportunity for all qualified employees and applicants. Reasonable accommodation will be made for persons with disabilities. If you need assistance or an accommodation, you may contact us at recruitment@wildliferescue.ca.



Submit your cover letter and resume together in a single pdf file using our online form here.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at recruitment@wildliferescue.ca