

Wildlife Medicine Preceptorship

California Wildlife Center



Program: Wildlife Medicine 4th year Veterinary Preceptorship
Dates: Ongoing. California Wildlife Center (CWC) offers 4-8 week sessions on a rolling basis throughout the year.
Time Commitment: Approximately 4 days/week at 48hrs/week

Company Name: California Wildlife Center
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Program Description:

Founded in 1998, CWC sees approximately 4000 animals per year. Dedicated to the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned native California wildlife, we care for a variety of avian species (raptors, songbirds, corvids, seabirds...), terrestrial mammals (squirrels, opossums, skunks, coyotes, bobcats, deer, raccoons, weasels, bears, mountain lions...) as well as marine mammals (California Sea Lion and Northern Elephant Seal pups).

Hands-on experience with soft tissue and orthopedic surgeries, necropsies and various diagnostic modalities occur on a daily basis, with the amount of direct participation dependent upon individual experience and demonstrated proficiency. Discussions are held covering various wildlife medicine topics and how they may differ from domestic animal medicine. Instructional material will be utilized daily with our hospital cases. Supplemental lectures, wetlabs and journal discussions are also held, time permitting.

You will also obtain experience in performing physical exams on wildlife, handling/restraint, performing treatments, animal care, nutrition, and the rescue/release of animals.

Housing/Transportation:

Housing and transportation are the responsibility of the preceptor.

Requirements:

This program is for veterinary students undergoing their 4th year clinical rotations or post-DVMs. Previous experience in wildlife rehabilitation is highly recommended. The applicant must be current with their rabies pre-exposure vaccination (or sufficient antibody titer)

Please submit a letter of intent, CV, (2) professional letters of recommendation and complete the following preceptorship form. You may email the application materials to the email address below. Recommendations may also be submitted via email if from an educational/regulatory extension (.edu,.gov or .org). For qualified applicants, an interview (in-person or via phone) will be scheduled.

Thank you for your interest. Please submit your applications/questions to:

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