

# Wildlife Medicine Externship 2016

## California Wildlife Center



**Program:** Wildlife Medicine Externship

**Dates:** Open. CWC is offering 4-8 week sessions on a rolling basis from March through November with a maximum of 3 students per session.

**Time Commitment:** 4 days/week; 8a – 7p (approximate)

**Date Posted:** January 1, 2016

**Company Name:** California Wildlife Center  
**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 2022, Malibu, CA 90265  
**URL:** <http://www.cawildlife.org>

### Program Description:

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. Weekly discussions are held covering various wildlife medicine topics such as physical exams, anatomy, anesthesia, emergency/critical care, wound and fracture management, and preventive medicine. Instructional material will be utilized daily with our hospital cases. Each participant is also required to present a short discussion paper that will be presented on the last day of their externship (guidance will be given). 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 release of animals.

### Housing/Transportation:

Housing and transportation are the responsibility of the extern. Unfortunately we are unable to provide any housing.

### Requirements:

The applicant must be over 20 years old and have completed college level courses in Biology, Zoology, Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and/or other related courses so that they will be able to get the most out of this program. Experience in wildlife rehabilitation and veterinary clinics is highly recommended. Veterinary students, pre-veterinary applicants, as well as those applicants that demonstrate a career or prolonged interest in wildlife medicine will be given priority, usually in that order. The applicant must have had a tetanus shot/booster within the past 10 years. Rabies vaccination is not required, but is highly recommended so that you would be able to participate with rabies vector species.

Please email your letter of intent, resume, and (2) professional letters of recommendation. The letter of intent and resume may be submitted via email. Recommendations may be submitted after interviews. They may also be submitted via email if from an educational/regulatory extension (.edu, .gov, .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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