

**MARINE MAMMAL INTERNSHIP**  
**California Wildlife Center**

**Dates:** Each session is 2 months long  
Session I: one position available January 1<sup>st</sup> to end of February  
Session II: one position available February 1<sup>st</sup> to the end of March  
Session III: two positions available March 1<sup>st</sup> to the end of April  
Session IV: one position available April 1<sup>st</sup> to the end of May  
Session V: one position available May 1<sup>st</sup> to the end of June

**Application Deadlines:** Session I; December 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sessions II & III; January 2nd  
Sessions IV & V; February 1st

**Time Commitment:**  
40 hours per week.

**Company Name:** California Wildlife Center  
**Department:** Marine Mammal  
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**Summary/Program Description**

The California Wildlife Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of injured, orphaned and sick native wildlife. CWC fulfills this mission through marine mammal rescue and rehabilitation, and treatment of avian and terrestrial wildlife in our rehabilitation hospital. This internship will provide an exciting and challenging educational experience in the marine mammal field, and may allow for additional hands-on experience with other native California wildlife. The interns will be working closely with the Marine Mammal program staff in all aspects of stranding response and rehabilitation, including logistics, assessment, capture/restraint, transportation, husbandry, and public relations. Time permitting, interns may provide support to CWC Hospital staff in animal husbandry tasks for avian and terrestrial wildlife.

**Intern Responsibilities**

Under supervision of Marine Mammal staff, duties will include:

- Assess stranded marine mammals
- Coordinate and lead responder teams in the capture and handling of stranded marine mammals needing medical attention
- Coordinate transport of stranded marine mammals to the rehabilitation facility
- Maintain detailed database records of Malibu strandings, including reports of stranding, human interaction issues, etc.
- Assist in daily husbandry tasks of marine mammals admitted to the on-site rehabilitation facility
- Work closely with Marine Department staff to provide patient-specific rehabilitative care
- Maintain good rapport with representatives of various public agencies
- Assist with marine mammal necropsy and sample collection

**Intern Qualifications**

The internship is open to all applicants at least 18 years of age or older. Undergraduate students and non-students alike are encouraged to apply. If the intern intends to receive academic credit, the intern will be responsible for making all arrangements with their educational institutions. Due to the unpredictable nature of marine mammal stranding response, interns may sometimes be required to work beyond their normal scheduled hours. Interns must be able and willing to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays. Interns will be required to have good physical strength and the ability to lift/carry 50 lbs. Interns need to have the ability to multitask and work in a fast-paced environment. Animal care and/or marine mammal experience is a plus but not required. Applicant must demonstrate proof of negative TB test within the past year and a current tetanus vaccination.

**Housing/Transportation**

Housing and transportation are the responsibility of the intern. Must have own transportation and current drivers license.

**Application Process**

Interested individuals must send the following:

- Letter of intent
- Resume
- Two letters of reference
- Proof of Vaccinations (tetanus)

Your letter of intent should state the session you are applying for and detail interests, experience, and availability.

**Submit the above items via email to:**

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Please visit our website for more information: [www.cawildlife.org](http://www.cawildlife.org)