

Let your career soar with Wildlife Rescue!



We are looking for a **Wildlife Care Assistant** to join our Team.

Imagine spending your summer somewhere that truly matters—where every day brings a chance to make a real difference for wild animals in need. A place where your hard work helps a hummingbird take flight again, where your patience helps an orphaned swallow learn to survive on its own, and where your compassion becomes part of a wild animal's second chance at life.

Position Profile:

Our Wildlife Care Assistants are an essential component of our summer team, providing hands-on care to our wildlife patients. Through real-world learning opportunities, youth will gain valuable knowledge of wildlife natural history, physiology, behaviour, nutrition, and workplace health and safety—all while building important skills for future career development.

Position type:

Program dates run from **April 20, 2026, to August 29, 2026**. The exact hours and length of placements are not known until they are granted and announced by the Canada Summer Jobs program.

Compensation: \$18.85 per hour

Who YOU are

You're an enthusiastic young person with big goals in veterinary medicine, conservation biology, ecology, zoology, or a related field. You love getting hands-on, don't mind getting dirty, and are ready to work hard to grow your skills.

Who WE are

Established in 1979, the 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 approximately 5,000 wildlife patients admitted each year.

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 rehabilitation staff by safely restraining wildlife for 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 is an asset.
- Excellent communication, organization, and time management skills.
- Ability to prioritize and problem-solve.
- Willingness to take initiative and work independently.
- Open availability including 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.

Please note:

- All candidates must be willing to obtain a criminal record check.
- WRA is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. If you need assistance or an accommodation, you may contact us at recruitment@wildliferescue.ca.



TO APPLY

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

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019c016fdb00735aa59a8a498267e281>

If you have any questions, you may contact us at recruitment@wildliferescue.ca

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