

## ANIMAL CARE VOLUNTEERS FOR WILDLIFE HOSPITAL NEEDED!



**Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center**, operated by **Cyprus Wildlife Research Institute**, is among the foremost wildlife treatment and rehabilitation centers in the Eastern Mediterranean region. Our work is only achieved with the support of our amazing volunteers! By applying to this program, you will get a chance to attend the treatment and rehabilitation of various native, exotic and domestic species, such as reptiles (snakes, terrapins, tortoises, sea turtles), birds (raptors, owls, songbirds, wading birds and others) and mammals (donkeys, foxes, hedgehogs ...). You will not only receive theory, but more importantly, practically learn how to handle and restrain animals in order to perform an examination and provide species-specific animal care.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Located within **Taşkent Nature Park**, our Wildlife Hospital receives nearly **1000 animal patients**, from as many as **160 species each year**. After the initial admission, they receive specialized, high-quality care to ensure their safe return to the wild. We now provide the unique opportunity for students and graduates from biology and veterinary related programs to join our team and experience daily life at our remarkable facility, one of a kind in the whole Cyprus!

Our Wildlife Hospital volunteers are involved with every aspect of wildlife rehabilitation. They help with the admission, stabilization, initial examination, treatment, rehabilitation and physical therapy of injured, sick and orphaned wildlife. Additionally, they help to ensure smooth functioning of the facility and high standards of animal care. Specific duties include, but are not limited to:

- Assessing an overall health state of our animal patients
- Providing specialized treatment and therapy
- Animal care (feeding, providing the water, cleaning)
- Updating treatment protocols
- Cleaning and sanitizing of hospital facilities
- Administrative tasks, such as helping with the inventory of products and tools

Apart from native species, volunteers in our wildlife hospital help with the animal care and treatment of farm animals and exotic species that are housed on our premises. These animals are being frequently brought to our facility due to poor welfare conditions or illegal origin. Our volunteers help to ensure the best possible care (including general animal care and specialized medical care) to allow them to restore their species-specific behaviors and good levels of physical and psychological health.

### ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Our Wildlife Hospital is located within Taşkent Nature Park, which is situated in Kyrenia district in **northern Cyprus**. Our volunteers are provided the accommodation and kitchen facilities, all within the walking distance of facility's campus. After applying to the program, our coordinator will help you with the travel arrangements and will discuss the possibility of airport transfer organized by CWRI. Please apply to receive further details.

### TRAINING DURING THE PROJECT

Our facility aims for the highest standards of animal care. For this reason, we ask our volunteers to have an educational background in veterinary, biology, conservation or other animal related fields (zootechnics, animal science and others). Previous experience with wildlife is not required. Our team will provide you with the appropriate training and support to ensure that all safety and welfare requirements of wildlife rehabilitation are met.

Whilst we prefer that applicants have some experience in the relevant field, we welcome all applications and will review each equally and fairly. Do not let this dissuade you from applying!

## REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum duration of stay: 1 month
- Good proficiency in English
- Educational background in biology, veterinary, conservation or other animal related field
- Reliable, trustworthy, responsible, dedicated

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMME

- Gain valuable work experience in wildlife hospital
- Learn how to handle and restrain wild animals
- Assist with emergency care, diagnosis and treatment of injured, sick or orphaned wildlife
- Learn how restrain animals for radiography
- Assist our expert wildlife vet with surgeries, medical procedures and necropsies
- Learn to identify hundreds of species, including native Mediterranean fauna, exotic and domestic species
- Join educational events
- Live in an area surrounded by nature and with a whole island view
- Work in a multinational team of volunteers

## COST

This is a non-paid volunteer position. Our volunteers are asked to pay **20 €/day** to cover the accommodation, two meals a day, and associated living costs (such as power, water, internet, the use of kitchen, essential food supplies, laundry room) of their stay. Volunteers are invited to join the field trips, organized by CWRI on their day off, free of charge. Fees for this position can be covered by **ERASMUS+** scholarship.

## HOW TO APPLY

To submit your application, please view page: <https://v.cwri.net/projects/27> . Our team will contact you and share all the necessary information to arrange your stay.

Please contact us at [info@cwri.net](mailto:info@cwri.net) if you have any questions or trouble with the application system.



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEE YOU IN CYPRUS!**