

## VOLUNTEER ANIMAL CARETAKERS FOR WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER NEEDED!



Operated by **Cyprus Wildlife Research Institute**, our **Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center** represents the only facility specializing in treatment of injured wildlife, in the whole Cyprus. Our volunteers get a chance to learn about hundreds of species of native, exotic and domestic animals, while helping them recover from injuries, illnesses, the trauma of being orphaned, illegally trafficked or kept in poor welfare conditions. By applying to this program, you will learn and 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) or mammals (donkeys, foxes, hedgehogs ...). You will not only learn theory, but practice how to safely restrain and relocate animals, take morphometric measurements, put leg rings on birds or provide species-specific animal care.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Each year, hundreds of wild animals are brought into **Taşkent Nature Park** due to being orphaned, sick, or injured. After the initial admission, they receive specialized, high-quality care, medical treatment and physical rehabilitation to ensure their safe return to the wild. Our volunteers are involved with multiple aspects related to this process. As a volunteer at our Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, you will get a hands-on experience with:

- Generalized and specialized care of various native species of birds, mammals and reptiles of Cyprus
- Rehabilitation of injured wildlife
- Monitoring of behavior and posture of animals in rehabilitation facility and sanctuary
- Animal health checkups, weighing, ringing, measuring
- Updating admission protocols
- Designing and constructing animal enrichments
- Maintaining facilities and grounds to ensure smooth functioning and high standards
- Wildlife releases

### ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Campus of CWRI 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 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 expect our volunteers to be students or graduates of programs related, but not limited to biology, animal husbandry, agriculture, forestry, veterinary and similar. Our team will provide you with the appropriate training and support to ensure that all safety and welfare requirements of wildlife rehabilitation are met. Previous experience in the field of wildlife rehabilitation, animal care and conservation is preferable but not required. We expect our volunteers to be enthusiastic and willing to learn while following the code of ethics at all times.

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
- English language
- Educational background in biology, animal husbandry, agriculture, animal science, forestry, veterinary and similar
- Moderate level of fitness
- Teamwork
- Responsible, respectful, dedicated

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMME

- Gain valuable work experience in foremost Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center
- Learn how to handle, restrain, measure and ring wild animals
- Learn how to identify hundreds of species, including native Mediterranean fauna, exotic and domestic species
- Learn more about intra and inter-species-specific behaviors of native, exotic and domestic animals
- 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://bit.ly/3UmD9y2> . 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!**