

Job title: Wildlife Care Supervisor

Start Date: 1st June 2022

Location: WRI Wildlife Hospital, Mornington, Co Meath, A92 F2NF, Ireland

Reports to: Hospital Manager

Supervises: Wildlife interns and volunteers

Hours: 40 hours per week

Salary: €25,000 - €30,000

Contract: 9 Month Contract, with possibility of extension

Apply: Send application form, CV and covering letter to chairperson@wri.ie before 24th May 2022

WRI provides people with a place to bring sick, injured or orphaned native wildlife, with the goal of releasing healthy individuals back to the wild. WRI's Wildlife Hospital, the only dedicated wildlife rehabilitation and teaching hospital in Ireland, is currently offering a full-time 9mth contract for a Wildlife Care Supervisor.

The Wildlife Care Supervisor has responsibilities in all aspects of medical care for Ireland's injured, ill, and orphaned wildlife. A full range of species are brought to the WRI Wildlife Hospital.

Position Summary:

The Wildlife Care Supervisor is a member of the WRI Wildlife Hospital Management team, reporting directly to the Hospital Manager. The Wildlife Care Supervisor is responsible for the daily medical care of wildlife patients, including critical care, examinations, wound care, physical therapy, feeding plans, and species-specific husbandry, among other responsibilities. The Wildlife Care Supervisor must **have the knowledge**, to be able to teach and direct interns, volunteers, and students. They will be employed in a teaching and supervisory role rather than in a *learning* capacity. The Wildlife Care Supervisor will be part of a growing medical team at WRI Wildlife Hospital.

Duties and Responsibilities:

In order to ensure the highest standard of care is provided to our wild animal patients, we work closely with local vets and will have an onsite vet some of the time. In conjunction with these veterinary professionals, the Wildlife Care Supervisor:

- Is responsible for the medical care and safety of all the animals in WRI's care
- Will triage and initiate appropriate treatments
- Will follow rehabilitation protocols and create policies/protocols when necessary
- Is responsible for patient flow through the rehabilitation process in the Hospital
- Will be responsible for assessing the casualties on a regular basis and determining their suitability for release
- Is responsible for training and supervising interns and volunteers in wildlife care, safe transport of wildlife, release protocols
- Will be responsible for ensuring all licencing conditions from government bodies, pertaining to the animals in WRI's care, are adhered to
- Will train interns to perform common diagnostic non-invasive procedures such as faecal examinations and other procedures as required under veterinary instruction
- Identify and participate in continuing professional development opportunities
- Will ensure the Wildlife Hospital always has the supplies and medications needed to efficiently and effectively carry out the work on a daily basis
- Ensure all interns and volunteers adhere to legislation and safety procedures when working with wildlife
- Communicate with colleagues at other wildlife establishments and vets as required
- Communicate with the public as required in relation to animals in WRI's care, and provide general wildlife advice
- Work closely with the Education and Media Manager regarding WRI animals on WRI's social media or any other media platform
- Remain current on wildlife veterinary medicine practice, policies and procedures
- Work a 40 hour week with varying schedules including work on weekends and on-call night shift when needed
- Other duties as requested by the Management Team

Requirements:

Essential

Has worked in a supervisory/management capacity full time for a minimum of one year in a large wildlife rehabilitation establishment that caters for all wildlife species commonly seen in Ireland, and has a throughput of over 3,000 casualties per year

In depth knowledge of the natural history and behaviour of native Irish wildlife species

Ideally

Registered Veterinary Nurse Degree from accredited third level institution

Full clean driving licence

General Competencies:

Self motivated

Strong leadership skills

Punctual, reliable and responsible

Uses own initiative and can work well without supervision

Listens and responds constructively to others' views

Good at giving instructions, delegation, teaching, and attention to detail

Gives and welcomes feedback

Helps others when they need it and acknowledges others' effort and contribution

To Apply:

Please email chairperson@wri.ie with your application form, C.V. and a written reference. Please put "Wildlife Care Supervisor" in the subject line.