

Veterinary Externship

Minimum 6 weeks, 30 hours per week

1 Extern (Fall/Winter or Spring/Summer)

Must be at least 18 years old and in veterinary school.



POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Veterinary Externship is an opportunity to learn about raptor rehabilitation through direct, hands-on work in our raptor rehabilitation clinic. This position is available for students in vet school. The season will dictate the focus of the work. During the busy season (May - September), the majority of time will be spent working directly with the birds in the clinic. During the slower period (October - April), there will be elements of raptor care but there will also be a focus on protocol development, research, writing case studies, and data collection. TRC does not have a veterinarian on staff but works closely with local veterinarians. We have a suite of impressive diagnostic tools and medical equipment including digital x-ray, oxygen chamber, blood chemistry analyzer, cold laser therapy, and more. Externs will become proficient in the use of all these pieces of equipment as well as the diagnosis and treatment of common illnesses and injuries.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be 18 years old or older
- Strong attention to detail
- Ability to work alone or as part of a team
- In vet school

THE PRIMARY DUTIES WILL INCLUDE:

- Daily raptor care of rehab patients and resident raptors
 - Daily care, cleaning of enclosures, and handling
 - Food preparation and feeding
 - Medication administration/on-going patient or resident evaluation
 - After-hour medication administration and patient triage
- Parasitology
 - Microscopic fecal examination (fecal floats, wet mounts, and direct smears)
 - Blood smears
- Record keeping and database entry
- Blood Work
- Biological sample collection
- Banding and morphometric data collection and entry

- Radiograph database management
- Medical supply inventory
- Protocols and procedures development
- Other tests and duties as assigned
 - Education program support
 - Social Media contribution

COMPENSATION:

- Unpaid and no on-site housing available
- May be used for academic credit. The extern is responsible for making arrangements to receive necessary credits.

ABOUT TETON RAPTOR CENTER:

Teton Raptor Center (TRC) is a non-profit organization advancing raptor conservation through education, research, and rehabilitation. TRC's educational programs reach tens of thousands of visitors annually. Our team of Avian Ambassadors includes 14 non-releasable raptors that are cared for and provided training and enrichment on a daily basis. Our research team works on dozens of research projects annually, both locally and in other parts of Wyoming and Montana. Our research projects include the largest and longest on-going study of Great Gray Owls anywhere in the world, as well as projects monitoring species like Golden Eagles, Ferruginous Hawks, Goshawks, and more. TRC rescues and rehabilitates over 150 raptors annually and recently received permits to rehabilitate corvids as well. These injured, ill and orphaned birds come from all over the state of Wyoming and Idaho. Finally, TRC works on several conservation projects aimed at keeping wild raptors safer in the wild. These include the Poo-Poo Project (Port-o-Potty Owl Project), an initiative to keep cavity-nesting owls and other raptors from becoming trapped in the ventilation pipes on vault toilets, and Sporting Lead-Free, an education-based initiative aimed at reducing the use of lead ammunition and tackle in the environment because of its effects on raptors.

EMPLOYMENT at TETON RAPTOR CENTER:

Teton Raptor Center is an equal opportunity employer with a smoke-free and drug-free workplace. Successful applicants will be required to pass a background check, driving check, and drug screening.

TO APPLY:

- For Summer/Fall: **February 15th deadline**, hiring decision by March 15th
- For Winter/Spring: **September 31st deadline**, hiring decision in October

Email your resume, cover letter, and three professional references to raptors@tetonraptorcenter.org with the subject line, "*YEAR* Vet Externship Application." Your application should be sent a single PDF file saved with your name and the internship

in the file title (e.g., "LastName_FirstName_2023VetExtern"). Applications must be received by 5pm (Mountain Time) **February 15th** for the Spring/Summer position and by September 31st for the Fall/Winter Position.