



Volunteer Opportunities and Requirements - January 2017

Level	Volunteer Position	Description	Training Sessions/Other Requirements	Time Commitment	Team
All	All Volunteers	Initial requirements for all volunteers	Volunteer application, releases, handbook		All
			New Volunteer Orientation	Training 1 hour	
			NWRI & Wildlife Rehabilitation (aka NWRI & Rehab 101)	Training 90 minutes	
Wildlife Center - All Positions: Volunteer one 4-hour shift each week from April 15-Sept 15 and one 3-hour shift each week from September 16-April 14 (minimum)					
I	Hotline & Wildlife Intake Specialist	Answer telephones and handle the intake of wildlife at the Wildlife Center; advise and educate the public on rescues and how to properly handle wildlife; coordinate rescues	Hotline & Wildlife Intake Training; Skills Checklist	Training two 4-hour sessions; 4 hours of shadowing; one four-hour follow up session 3-6 months after starting	Wildlife Center
I	Mammal Nursery Volunteer	Properly feed and care for raccoons, opossums, squirrels, and other small mammals as indicated at the Wildlife Center	Mammal Nursery Training; Skills Checklist	Training one 8-hour session	Wildlife Center
I	Bird Nursery Volunteer	Properly feed and care for altricial (songbirds) and precocial (waterfowl and game birds) at the Wildlife Center	Bird Nursery Training; Skills Checklist	Training one 8-hour session	Wildlife Center
I	Herptile Volunteer	Properly feed and care for herptiles at the Wildlife Center	Herptile Training; Skills Checklist	Training one 90 minute session	Wildlife Center
I	Diet Preparation Specialist	Prepare formulas, diets and supplements for animals at the Wildlife Center	Diet Preparation Training; Skills Checklist	Training one 2-hour session	Wildlife Center
I	Wildlife Center Maintenance	Assist with routine maintenance at the Wildlife Center (cleaning, yardwork, minor repairs)	Meeting with Director	Periodically as needed	Wildlife Center

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Wildlife Center - Additional Skills: Must volunteer in the Wildlife Center regularly for 6 months prior to Level II skills training					
II	Examination & Triage	Examine and triage new wildlife intakes at the Wildlife Center; treat wounds and set treatment plans	Mammal Nursery, Bird Nursery, Herptile, and Diet Preparation Trainings; Minimum 120 hours of Wildlife Center volunteer experience; Examination & Triage Training; Examination & Triage Skills Checklist	Training one 3-4 hour session	Wildlife Center
II	Drug Calculation, Dosing & Administration	Learn about common diseases and appropriate drugs used by condition and species; calculate doses; administer drugs orally and by subcutaneous and intramuscular injection	Mammal Nursery, Bird Nursery, Herptile, and Diet Preparation Trainings; Minimum 120 hours of Wildlife Center volunteer experience; Drug Calculation, Dosing & Administration Training; Drug Calculation, Dosing & Administration Skills Checklist	Training one 2 hour session	Wildlife Center
II	Tube Feeding	Required skill to feed bunnies and opossums before they can self-feed; feed compromised birds and other mammals	Mammal Nursery and Bird Nursery Trainings; Minimum 80 hours of Wildlife Center volunteer experience; Tube Feeding Training; Tube Feeding Checklist	Training one 2 hour session	Wildlife Center
III	Volunteer Shift Supervisor	Supervise volunteers and animal care on regular shift	All Level I & II Trainings; minimum 300 hours of Wildlife Center experience; Director Interview, Periodic Meetings	Regular volunteer shift(s); periodic 1-2 hour meetings	Wildlife Center

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I	Rescue & Reunification Specialist	Pick-up wildlife in need in our community; coordinate and capture injured/ill loose wildlife; reunify baby animals with their mothers; educate the public	Rescue & Reunification Training; Valid driver's license and auto insurance	Training one 4-hour session; On-call at least one day per week	Rescue & Reunification
I	Nebraska Humane Society Transporter	Transport wildlife one day each week from the Nebraska Humane Society in Omaha to the Wildlife Center or other appropriate caregiver(s)	NHS Transporter Training; Valid driver's license and auto insurance	Training one 90-minute session; One day per week, 1-3 hours	NHS Transporters
I	Donation Coordinator	Speak with members of the public wanting to donate goods to NWRI; coordinate drop-off or pick-up of donations	Donation Coordination Meeting with Trainer	Periodically as needed	Support
I	Animal Enrichment Specialist	Collect natural enrichment items for wildlife (i.e. duckweed, acorns, tree branches, leaves) and/or build enrichment for animals inside and outside	Animal Enrichment Training	Training one 1-hour session; As needed, approximately once per week in spring/summer	Support
I	Cage Building Volunteer	Build and repair cages; build nest boxes, dens, and other items (shelves, ramps, etc.)	No formal training; Building skills needed; tools helpful but not required	No training; volunteer as needed	Caging
I	Special Event Volunteer	Help with special events such as Bat Release, Open House, Cleaning Days, and fundraisers	Basic Volunteer sessions/requirements	Periodically as needed	Support
I	State-Wide Wildlife Transport	Drive wildlife from locations across the state to care in eastern Nebraska (full or partial distance)	Online Capture and Transportation Training; Valid driver's license and auto insurance	Periodically as needed	Greater Nebraska
I	Home-Based Orphan Volunteer - Raccoons	Raise baby raccoons in your home/on your property	Raccoon Training	Training one 3-hour session; Seasonal, 2-4 hours per day	Raccoon
I	Home-Based Orphan Volunteer - Squirrels	Raise baby squirrels in your home/on your property	Squirrel Training	Training one 3-hour session; Seasonal, 2-4 hours per day	Squirrel
I	Home-Based Orphan Volunteer - Songbirds	Care for baby altricial birds in your home/on your property	Songbird Training	Training one 3 hour session; Seasonal, continuous throughout the day	Bird
I	Home-Based Orphan Volunteer - Waterbirds	Care for baby precocial birds in your home/on your property	Waterbird Training	Training, one 3 hour session; Seasonal, 1-2 hours per day	Bird

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II	Home-Based Orphan Volunteer - Rabbits	Care for baby rabbits in your home/on your property	Tube-feeding required; Rabbit Training	Training, one 3 hour session; Seasonal, 1 hour per day	Rabbit
II	Home-Based Orphan Volunteer - Opossums	Raise baby opossums in your home/on your property	Tube-feeding required; Opossum Training	Training one 3-hour session; Seasonal, 2-4 hours per day	Opossum
II	Home-Based Orphan Volunteer Mentor (by species)	Mentor new home-based volunteers by species	Training for species in question; minimum two seasons of care of species in question	As needed; seasonal, 2-4 hours per week	(by species)
II	Wildlife Fostering Specialist	Foster wild mammals and birds onto unrelated mothers of the same species in the field	Rescue & Reunification Training; Minimum of two seasons on R&R Team; Wildlife Fostering Training	Training one 4-hour session; Periodically as needed	Rescue & Reunification
II	Temporary Wildlife Caregiver (Volunteers more than 90 minutes outside of Omaha metro area)	For volunteers living more than 90 minutes from Omaha; temporary to long-term care of some species in your home until they can be transported to the Wildlife Center	Mammal Nursery Training; Bird Nursery Training; Rescue & Reunification Training; Interview with staff member	Periodically as needed, up to 4 hours per day	Greater Nebraska
III	Home-Based Orphan Volunteer Trainer (by species)	Train new home-based volunteers by species	Training for species in question; minimum three seasons of care of species in question; demonstrated proficiency	Periodically as needed	(by species)
III	Home-Based Volunteer - Bats	Care for adult and/or orphaned bats in your home	Rabies vaccination + titer check minimum of every two years; minimum one year of volunteering; Bat Training	Seasonal (winter), 1-2 hours per night	Bats
III	Home-Based Volunteer - Large Carnivores	Care for orphaned or injured large carnivores in your home/on your property	Minimum of 5 years of consistent volunteering; demonstrated proficiency; appropriate facilities; one-on-one training; director approval	Seasonal, 2 hours per day	Large Carnivores
III	Team Leader	Assist director in coordinating operations of team of volunteers by species or duty	Training for species/team in question; minimum three seasons volunteering with team/species in question; demonstrated proficiency	Seasonal, 1-10 hours per week, depending on team	(by species)