



MARS
WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTRE

**MARS WILDLIFE HOSPITAL
WILDLIFE REHABILITATOR
2023**

Title: Wildlife Rehabilitator

Type: Full-time, one-year contract

Number of positions available: 1

Compensation: \$18/hour

Preferred start date: Feb 15th

Closing date: When filled

MARS Wildlife Rescue Centre is a busy wildlife rehabilitation and education facility located in Merville on Vancouver Island, BC. MARS treats over 1100 animals annually, including raptors, songbirds, raccoons, and fawns.

[Our mission statement is: to conserve and protect wildlife and its natural habitat through wildlife rehabilitation and education.](#)

The Wildlife Rehabilitator will work in the MARS Wildlife Hospital and provide support to the wildlife rehabilitation program, assisting with all aspects of animal care from rescue to release. They will join a dedicated team of volunteers and two full-time rehabilitation staff. This position involves a 40-hour work week, which may include evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Responsibilities

- Perform medical assessments, diagnostic procedures, treatments, and euthanasia of sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife;
- Research and prepare specialized diets, habitats, and enrichment for wildlife based on their natural history, developmental stage, and individual needs;
- Communicate with the public regarding wildlife situations and patient care, representing the organization in a professional and conscientious manner;
- Maintain accurate rehabilitation and telephone records;
- Coordinate and participate in rescue operations, ensuring safe capture, handling, and restraint of wildlife;

- Maintain open communication between the Wildlife Hospital and MARS Visitor Centre, reporting on animal care activities, trends, and public education opportunities;
- Supervise, train, and mentor volunteers, ensuring compliance with animal care and safety protocols;
- Assist with the development of animal care protocols, operating procedures, and volunteer training materials;
- Participate in regular team meetings to discuss cases, resolve issues, and improve quality of care and the work environment;
- Promote a positive team atmosphere during all work activities, contributing to an inclusive and respectful workplace culture;
- Maintain the hospital facility, outbuildings, and enclosures to a high standard of orderliness and hygiene;
- Uphold the organization's health and safety policies and report issues in a timely manner.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in biology or related field;
- Previous wildlife rehabilitation experience;
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills;
- Ability to handle a physically and emotionally demanding workload;
- Proof of current tetanus and Covid-19 vaccine, and willingness to get pre-exposure rabies vaccine series;
- Valid driver's license and transportation to/from work;
- Available evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Application Instructions

To apply for this position, please email your resume, cover letter, and three references to gyl@marswildliferescue.com. Documents should be attached in PDF form, with your name and "Wildlife Rehabilitator" in the subject line.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.