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**Wild Care, Inc.**

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**2024 VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

WILDCARE, Inc. is an independent, emergency wildlife clinic that is involved in the rescue and rehabilitation of injured, ill, and orphaned wild animals. We intake approximately 1500-2000 animals every year, and rely heavily on our volunteer team to help with daily operations. Our volunteers are a necessity to the success of our organization, and we seek caring people who are reliable, respectful, and trustworthy. The animals brought to our door are highly

stressed and need time to heal, so we also seek understanding people who will provide a quiet, and respectful environment for them. Volunteer participation is key to all of our programs to help wildlife.

We are reviewing applications continuously and will be in touch with you typically within a couple of days of receipt of your application, to discuss how your availability and experience can fit in with our needs. Wild Care volunteers must be **at least 18 years of age,** and must have **an** **up-to-date Tetanus vaccination**. **(Ages 16-17 are accepted for the Baby Bird program,** **with a partner over the age of 18.)**

Be aware that this is **not** an opportunity for individuals primarily interested in photography, handling, or personal, repetitive contact with wildlife. **Unlike** **zoos, museums, and aquariums, the animals we accommodate are not for display,** **fundraising, educational, entertainment, or training purposes. They are here to recover** **from being orphaned, injured, or ill, and are intended to be returned to the wild.**

**Date submitted:**

**Name:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Home Phone:**

**Cell Phone:**

**Emergency Contact- Name and Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Are you a:**

 **🞎 Part-Time Resident**

 **🞎 Year-Round Resident**

**Age Range: 16-17 18-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56-65 66-75 75+**

**When was your last Tetanus injection? (\*required)**

**Can you provide proof of immunization and/or titer records?**

**Have you had pre/post rabies vaccinations? If so, when? (not required, but helpful)**

**Why are you interested in volunteering at Wild Care?**

**Please check the volunteer programs that interest you the most (\*please see descriptions on the last page\*):**

**🞎 Baby Bird Program (Summer only) 🞎 Clinic Program**

 **🞎 Rescue/Transport Program 🞎 Events Program**

**🞎 Fundraising Program 🞎 Administrative assistance**

**Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If so, explain.**

**Have you ever been convicted for possession of a narcotic (IE Heroin, Oxycodone, Morphine)?**

**Are you applying to volunteer here for community service for court? If so, explain.**

**Would these volunteer hours be for school/projects? If so, explain.**

**Have you ever worked with wildlife before? If so, describe your experience.**

**Do you currently hold a State/Federal Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit?**

**By its nature, wildlife rehabilitation centers can expose people to parasites, bacteria, zoonotic diseases, injuries, etc. Is this a concern to you?**

**Please describe your feelings about the euthanasia of wildlife that is not healthy enough to be released back into the wild.**

**What are your greatest strengths and weaknesses?**

**What are some tasks you would enjoy doing?**

**Are there any tasks that you would prefer not to do? Please explain.**

**Do you have any health concerns that Wild Care should be aware of? (IE allergies, seizures, prone to fainting at the sight of blood, etc.). Please explain.**

**Is there anything else about yourself that you would like us to be aware of?**

**When would you be available to begin your volunteer position?**

**Would you like to receive Wild Care’s email newsletter?**