

West Sound Wildlife Shelter Wildlife Steward Opportunities

Wildlife Stewards – Level One (“WS1”)

Shifts Available: 8am-12pm; 12pm-4pm; 4pm-8pm (April – Sept.). Shifts are available 7 days a week.

Stewards are scheduled for the same shift each week.

Purpose of position: To provide for the feeding and cleaning of all the birds and animals placed in our care.

The job can be intense and repetitive and will involve extensive cleaning but will also be the extremely personally rewarding.

Duties and Responsibilities (of each steward shift; not each steward on each shift):

- Hand-feeding baby mammals & birds
- Cage cleaning, laundry, and dishes
- Preparing food for adult animals
- Sweeping and mopping of floors throughout the building
- Occasionally, assisting the Director of Wildlife Services, other rehabilitator, or WCA2 stewards in medical care and monitoring of animals

Prerequisites & Training required:

- No previous experience needed, training will be provided
- On-the-job training by working closely with staff and Level 2 volunteers
- Must have current tetanus vaccine
- Rabies virus vaccine is recommended but not required
- Must be a minimum of 15 years old
- Must have reliable transportation in order to arrive for your weekly shift

Wildlife Stewards – Level Two (“WS2”)

Shifts Available: 8am-12pm; 12pm-4pm; 4pm-8pm (April – Sept.). Shifts are available 7 days a week.

Stewards are scheduled for the same shift each week.

Purpose of position: Same as for WS1 plus assist with advanced wildlife care such as tube-feedings, administration of medicines, labwork, and advanced animal handling. WS2 will serve as the primary assistant to rehabilitator candidates and rehabilitators and may supervise and/or train new stewards placed on their shift. WS2 will keep other stewards on track and answer their questions.

Prerequisites & Training required:

- WS2 training (4 hours). After working 8 shifts of WS1 stewards service, WS1 may apply for a WS2 position. OR WS2 status may be granted after a performance review by the Director of Wildlife Rehabilitation if the candidate has animal technician & rehabilitation experience.
- Must have current tetanus vaccination; Rabies vaccine is recommended but not required
- Must be a minimum of 18 years old



Rescue Team Assistant

Shifts available: Very flexible hours. Minimum of one-year commitment. There are no minimum hours

Purpose of position: To drive to the locations of an injured, sick, or orphaned animals, catch the animals or pick-up the animals from the persons who found/caught them, and transport the animals to the Shelter. Some unconfined animals will be rescued. However, most pick-ups will involve contained animals.

Duties & responsibilities:

- Driving to various locations to pick-up animals and bring them to the WSWS or transporting from the Shelter to other facilities or veterinarians
- Occasional rescue of unconfined animal
- Dealing with stressed, panicked humans in a calm reassuring manner
- Must have access to a telephone to receive calls from WSWS staff. The public is never given your phone number. All calls come through WSWS first; our staff will contact you with the caller's phone number and location. You can then call the finder to get directions.
- Be sensitive to animals' stress levels
- In some cases, holding an animal overnight until transporting the next day

Prerequisites & Training required:

- No previous experience needed, training will be provided
- Have reliable transportation
- Willing to drive to most areas in Kitsap County
- Access to a telephone to receive calls from WSWS
- Current tetanus vaccination
- Recommended but not required: Rabies Virus vaccine
- Available to attend 8 hour initial training class
- Minimum of 18 years of age

Note: All job descriptions (as of 5/06) are always under review and are subject to change. All volunteers will be notified of changes as they occur.