

# Animal Care Assistant

## Thorrington (CO7)

- Competitive salary
- Initial 1 year contract
- 40 hours per week
- Preference given to qualified veterinary nurse
- Clean driving licence preferred

**Wildlives Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre** (East Anglia) is looking for a competent and committed professional to join a very busy registered charity caring for injured wildlife. Shortlisted candidates will be expected to volunteer for a short period to assess their suitability.

### Overall Responsibilities

- Manage volunteer workforce ensuring a happy but productive team
- Training of new volunteers and identifying and implementing necessary skill updates in the workforce
- Cleaning out, feeding, treating, and monitoring wildlife in care
- Administering drugs and ensuring drug regimes are followed
- Ensuring adherence to working practice including health and safety
- Admission of new animals and birds and dealing with members of the public

### Essential Knowledge, Skills and Characteristics Required

- Desire and ability to learn
- A strong regard for the welfare of the animals and birds in care
- Good management skills with the ability to deal with problems and issues in the workplace in a friendly but professional manner
- Ability to deal with members of the public in a polite manner even under duress
- Flexibility around working hours – emergencies cannot be scheduled
- Literate and numerate, able to manage drug calculations and complete forms legibly
- A strong stomach – Wildlives deals with serious and sometimes infected wounds and many other injuries and ailments, as well as performing dissections on site
- Resilience – while Wildlives has an unprecedented success rate, not everything has a happy ending. The successful candidate should be able to learn from those that do not and move on.

Please send CV and covering letter to

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