Title: Animal Care Assistant
Salary: $14.00 per hour
Job Type: Non-exempt, seasonal, part-time
Location: SBWCN Wildlife Care Facility – Goleta, CA
Reports to: Director of Rehabilitation
Work authorization: United States (Required)

Position Summary
Under the direction of the Director of Rehabilitation, the Animal Care Assistant assists with daily wildlife care and rehabilitation needs for all animal patients at the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network. In addition, this position supervises volunteers in all necessary tasks and assists with calls made to the Helpline regarding local wildlife issues and concerns.

Essential Duties
● Ensures the proper and humane husbandry and handling of all animal patients in habitats that are as nearly natural as possible in terms of size, set up, temperatures, diet, and other requirements.
● Ensures that enclosures are properly set up and maintained in accordance with protocols.
● Coordinates and supervises the food preparation and feeding schedules for all animal patients ensuring adequate nutritional balance and weight maintenance.
● Feeds all animals according to specified protocols including any specific dietary needs or requests and adheres to the feeding schedule.
● Assists with first aid and after-care treatment to injured and sick animal patients which include, but are not limited to: properly bathing oil-impaired birds/mammals; immobilizing fractures; fluid therapy; administering medications; special diets; etc. This includes seeking proper veterinary care when needed.
● Alerts veterinary staff of any new issues (i.e. changes in behavior, wounds, etc.)
● Must maintain standards of cleanliness, efficiency, and organization: ensures that the facility is kept spotlessly clean and sanitary, as appropriate for an animal hospital. This includes, but is not limited to, sterilization of equipment, upkeep of the kitchen, laundry, bathroom, and removal of trash and recycling all on a daily basis.
● Works as a team member with volunteers to respond to all public concerns regarding nuisance wildlife problems, species identification, injured/orphaned wildlife, etc. This includes answering the SBWCN Helpline and logging calls received, and referring callers to other local agencies as appropriate.
**Requirements:**

- Must undergo onsite training to work with the various species generally encountered at the facility. Prior animal handling and care experience is preferred.
- Must be responsible, professional, and able to work effectively with minimal supervision once training has progressed.
- Stay curious and excited about new protocols and treatments for wildlife.
- Proven supervisory skills, including the ability to motivate volunteers and develop a positive team environment.
- Ability to work a flexible schedule, including early mornings, evenings, weekends and holidays.
- Willing and able to work collaboratively and cooperatively with others to solve problems constructively and resolve conflicts.
- Must demonstrate self-motivation and good interpersonal communication skills.
- Must be able to multitask, and work well under fast-paced and sometimes stressful conditions.
- Willingness and ability to adjust tasks in accordance with changing priorities and deadlines.
- Must be able to stand for long periods of time and lift a minimum of 40 lbs.

**To apply:** Please send 1) cover letter, 2) resume, and 3) three references to britt@sbwcn.org