

WILDLIFE HEALTH VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Fish and Wildlife Health Volunteer

SECTION/SUBSECTION: EAR / Fish and Wildlife Health

The entry-level knowledge, skills and abilities (KSAs) needed to perform job duties are:

Position is open to 1st and 2nd year veterinary students, veterinary technology students, wildlife students, and others. Prior rabies vaccination is preferred with proof of titer within 1 yr. A valid driver's license is preferred. Volunteer must possess basic skills in use of personal computers, spreadsheet, and word processing software, particularly Microsoft Office products; ability to understand and apply applicable rules, regulations, policies, and procedures; utilize problem solving techniques; plan, organize, and coordinate work assignments; communicate effectively verbally and in writing including good communication with the public and FWC stakeholders; establish and maintain effective working relationships; and to be able to work as part of a team.

JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (estimated % time commitment)

(20%) Assist with the investigation of wildlife mortality events and disease monitoring by coordinating with the public, other biologists, and Fish and Wildlife Health (FWH) staff to collect and transport carcasses for necropsy; assist with immobilization, transport, and euthanasia of sick/injured wildlife; assist with wildlife necropsies, assist with data collection and entry; process and ship diagnostic samples and ensure return and re-archiving of unused samples from diagnostic labs when applicable, prepare necropsy reports, and maintain medical records.

(20%) Assist with field or lab research and monitoring projects both with Wildlife Health and with other FWC programs.

(50%) Provide administrative assistance including necropsy/capture data entry, scanning medical records, and assisting with sample submission and archiving.

(10%) Assist with teaching wildlife disease lab classes and other outreach.

Position will be based at the Lovett E. Williams Wildlife Research Laboratory (Wildlife Health, FWH Health subsection, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, Gainesville, Florida). The position will be supervised by a wildlife veterinarian.

The volunteer will gain knowledge and experience in wildlife disease surveillance, important diseases in wildlife, necropsy techniques, and wildlife disease investigations. Depending on ongoing projects, the volunteer may gain knowledge and experience in research design, radio-telemetry, and capture and immobilization.