

Below are the internships reported by Department of Biology Students from our ongoing internship participation survey. Each internship site title has been hyperlinked to the general webpage for that site, and a link to contact and/or application information has been included as well. The internship sites are now grouped first by the type of internship and secondarily by whether they are in-state, out of state, or international. The Department of Biology Academic Support Coordinators will be adding to this list over time as students report back to us, so keep checking back!

## Zoo and Animal Shelter Internships:

### Zoo and Animal Shelter Internships within CO:

#### [Butterfly Pavilion \(Westminster, CO\)](#)

**Recommendation from participant(s):** I would recommend this site.

**Comments:** *none given*

**Application and/or contact information:** <http://www.butterflies.org/membership/intern-programs.php>

#### [Denver Zoo \(Denver, CO\)](#)

Three students reported participation in internships at the Denver Zoo in the spring 2011 internship survey.

**Recommendation from participant(s):** I would highly recommend this site (x2). I would recommend this site (x1).

**Comments:** 1) I would like to work as a zookeeper after I graduate. This internship really showed me what it takes to be a zookeeper. It taught me many of the practical skills I would need to become a keeper.

2) The internship was very informative and acts as a preliminary training for those wishing to enter the zookeeping or animal husbandry fields.

3) It was amazing to work with all kinds of animals, that is what made this internship special, I feel so lucky! However, this internship is not academically challenging. It is a lot of routine cleaning, and feeding, and could get boring for some people. The people were not very nice either. It was great part time, but I could never be a zookeeper forever.

**Application and/or contact information:** <http://www.denverzoo.org/involved/career.asp>

## **[Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center \(Longmont, CO\)](#)**

**Recommendation from participant(s):** I would highly recommend this site.

**Comments:** I gained a lot of hands-on experience with injured and orphaned wildlife- mostly baby birds, baby squirrels, and raccoons. It is a great opportunity to learn about basic wildlife rehabilitation techniques, such as food preparation/diet needs, habitat enrichment, and handling techniques of birds and small mammals.

**Application and/or contact information:** <http://www.greenwoodwildlife.org/internships.php>

## **[Rocky Mountain Raptor Program \(Fort Collins, CO\)](#)**

**Recommendation from participant(s):** I would recommend this site.

**Comments:** I did this internship from a Leadership perspective, and helped with the administrative side of organizing a non-profit fundraising auction. Had a bit of raptor time, but that wasn't the objective of the internship. However, RMRP provides a good and cooperative workplace, with passionate people involved, who are dedicated to education. I know they would take on a more zoology interns who could shadow the medical staff or others with direct relation to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of birds of prey. A great opportunity to learn about a non-profit organization while working towards a great cause.

**Application and/or contact information:** <http://www.rmrp.org/volunteer.html>

## **Zoo and Animal Shelter Internships Outside of CO:**

### **[Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo \(Omaha, NE\)](#)**

**Recommendation from participant(s):** I would recommend this site.

**Comments:** This internship was very informational about the workings in a zoo. The only reservations I have are that in some departments the interns were treated more as free help than as learning students.

**Application and/or contact information:** <http://www.omahazoo.com/education/volunteer/job-shadowing/>

## **[Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge \(Laurel, MD\)](#)**

**Recommendation from participant(s):** I would recommend this site.

**Comments:** The work was really interesting but it was sometimes unorganized and unaccommodating.

**Application and/or contact information:** <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/patuxent/internships.html>

## **[Progressive Animal Welfare Society \(Lynwood, WA\)](#)**

**Recommendation from participant(s):** I would highly recommend this site.

**Comments:** The wildlife rehabilitation internship at PAWS was an incredible experience that I would recommend to anyone who wants to learn to care for injured and orphaned wildlife. The staff is fantastic and completely dedicated to making your internship experience fun and rewarding. I learned so much and had so much fun working at PAWS that I never wanted to leave! There is no way I could possibly describe how wonderful my experience I had interning at PAWS was.

**Application and/or contact information:** <http://www.paws.org/volunteer.html>

## **[Saint Francis Wolf Sanctuary \(Montgomery, TX\)](#)**

**Recommendation from participant(s):** I would recommend this site.

**Comments:** The work is fun, the animals are beautiful. I lived on site with the founder of the sanctuary. The only drawback to the experience was the intense summer heat found in Texas (even after living there for 12 years, it was still extremely unbearable) and the fact that the founder is in her 80's, so part of the time was spent trying to take care of the things that she was having trouble with. There's a lot of work to be done at the sanctuary including cutting up meat and people skills are a must. Through my internship experience, I learned that one person can honestly make a huge difference in the world. Jean LeFevre, has traveled the world, reached out to third world countries and took in a wolf who would have otherwise been killed, with no funds or prior experience working with the animals. It's because of her that all the wolves who live at, and have lived (and died) at the sanctuary were/are able to live their lives in peace and comfort.

**Application and/or contact information:** <http://www.saintfrancissanctuary.org/volunteer-saint-francis-wolves.htm>

## **[San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research \(Escondido, CA\)](#)**

**Recommendation from participant(s):** I would highly recommend this site.

**Comments:** This was the most fun job I ever had. Everyone who worked at the Institute generally loved their job, plus it was never a bad day when you get to go work at the zoo. I learned a lot and was able to get hands-on experience with many different zoo animals as well as learn new laboratory techniques.

This was the summer internship of a lifetime and was a fabulous experience. I wish everyone could work at the Institute for Conservation Research because it such a positive work environment and there is so much to research about zoo animals that is currently unknown.

**Application and/or contact information:**

[http://www.sandiegozoo.org/conservation/take\\_action/fellowships/conservation\\_research\\_summer\\_college\\_student\\_fellowships/](http://www.sandiegozoo.org/conservation/take_action/fellowships/conservation_research_summer_college_student_fellowships/)

## **[Wildlife World Zoo \(Litchfield Park, AZ\)](#)**

**Recommendation from participant(s):** I would recommend this site with reservations.

**Comments:** It is good hands-on experience with being a zoo keeper but it is very unorganized and seemed almost unprofessional to me.

**Application and/or contact information:** [http://www.wildlifeworld.com/pdf\\_files/volunteer/volunteer-application.pdf](http://www.wildlifeworld.com/pdf_files/volunteer/volunteer-application.pdf)

## **International Zoo and Animal Shelter Internships:**

### **[National Zoo and Aquarium \(Canberra, Australia\)](#)**

**Recommendation from participant(s):** I would highly recommend this site.

**Comments:** I had an amazing experience, learned a lot, and gained experience in lots of different fields. Excellent if the student is thinking about pursuing zoo keeping

**Application and/or contact information:** [http://nationalzoo.com.au/employment\\_volunteering.htm](http://nationalzoo.com.au/employment_volunteering.htm)

## Veterinary Internships:

### **Veterinary Internships within CO:**

#### *Animal Clinic of Parker (Parker, CO)*

**Recommendation from participant(s):** I would highly recommend this site.

**Comments:** Learned a lot about animal care and medicine.

**Application and/or contact information:** <http://acoppets.com/>

### **Veterinary Internships outside of CO:**

#### *VCA All-Pet Animal Hospital (Taylorsville, UT)*

**Recommendation from participant(s):** I would recommend this site.

**Comments:** This was a great place for me to jump in and start learning clinical techniques and the entire staff is amazing. I was able to help with all aspects of clinical work and they always tried to include me in cases.

**Application and/or contact information:**

[http://vcacareers.silkroad.com/vcaext/Veterinary\\_Students/Intern\\_Program.html](http://vcacareers.silkroad.com/vcaext/Veterinary_Students/Intern_Program.html)

## Biotech and Pharmaceutical Internships:

### **Biotech and Pharmaceutical Internships within CO:**

#### *Tolmar, Inc. (Fort Collins, CO)*

**Recommendation from participant(s):** I would highly recommend this site.

**Comments:** I would recommend this site to any student who is considering going off to Pharmacy school and wants experience in a large facility, different from a Walgreens or drugstore. I have been interning here since summer 2010 and am going to continue on through the summer of 2011. I have had a wonderful experience here and have learned a lot. I've also been able work with lots of people here that have different jobs and see how the process of making pharmaceutical products takes more than what an outsider would think. I've loved my time here.

**Application and/or contact information:** <http://tolmar.com/aux/contact>

## Medical Internships:

### **Medical Internships within CO:**

#### *University of Colorado Denver Health Sciences Center Anschutz Campus (Aurora, CO)*

**Recommendation from participant(s):** I would recommend this site.

**Comments:** Great research experience in the medical field.

**Application and/or contact information:**

<http://www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/ExperientialLearning/internships/Pages/default.aspx>