

Thank you for your  
interest in  
volunteering with  
Moraine Ridge Wildlife  
Rehabilitation Center.  
We always need extra  
help and appreciate  
your time and  
commitment.

# About Us

The **mission** of Moraine Ridge Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is to restore native wildlife to good health and quality of life, so as to preserve the natural composition of the Northwest Indiana region. We accomplish this mission through the provision of ample education, conservation, and rehabilitation.

## **Goals and vision:**

- Become a premiere wildlife rehabilitation facility, providing quality care to injured or orphaned native wildlife.
- Offer up-to-date training and network opportunities for wildlife rehabbers throughout Indiana.
- Foster a public understanding that wildlife need ample habitat for survival.
- Increase people's awareness of how they and their domesticated pets can coexist humanely and safely with their wildlife "neighbors"
- Partner resources and ideas with other environmental groups.
- Promote research on wildlife issues through publications and symposiums.

# Humane Society Calumet Area

We are a subsidiary of the Humane Society Calumet Area (HSCA), which has 3 other subsidiaries:

- Adoption/Intake Center: A no-kill animal shelter in Munster where domestic animals from the community are housed. The shelter admits and cares for dogs, cats, rabbits, and guinea pigs, resulting from owner surrenders and contracts with Munster, Highland, Dyer, and Gary. The shelter cares for approximately 380 animals daily.
- Estelle Marcus Clinic: The clinic, attached to the shelter, offers low-cost spay/neuter surgeries to low-income pet owners on government assistance; owners of pit bulls and mixes; residents of Gary and East Chicago; feral cat caretakers; animal shelters; animal control agencies; and rescue groups (must be a 501(c)3). Other pet health services for the community are also available.
- Paws Resale Shoppe: A resale shop in Highland which receives donations of furniture, electronics, books, jewelry, decorative items, etc. These items are sold and all the proceeds benefit the 4 subsidiaries.



# Regulations

Licensed wildlife rehabilitators are regulated by their respective state DNR and US Fish and Wildlife (migratory birds). MRWRC follows and complies with all Indiana DNR and USFWS rules and regulations. Failure to comply can result in loss of permit, fines, or jail time of the permitted individual. All rules, policies, and procedures must be followed at ALL times by staff, interns, and volunteers.



# Volunteer Jobs

- Animal care
- Neonate fostering
- Special events
- Fundraising
- Laundry and cleaning
- Clerical, phone, mailings
- Maintenance and enclosure building
- Adopt a County Road Program (road cleanup)
- Diet prep
- Rescue team



# Animal Care

- **Animal husbandry** - A key component of the daily care at a wildlife rehab center. It is critical for the animal's health and well-being. Volunteers will assist in cleaning and sanitation of animal cages and learn proper handling techniques of wildlife. Other duties include: sweeping, mopping, diet prep, laundry, and enclosure maintenance.



# Neonate Fostering & Rescue Team

- **Neonate Fostering:** You will learn proper neonate feeding techniques and diet prep for a variety of different neonate species. You will be required to attend additional foster parent classes as scheduled. This program allows us to better care for our neonates who require around the clock care and feedings.
- **Rescue Team:** You will be properly trained in wildlife capture and restraint techniques. Once trained, you will be called upon to help rescue injured and orphaned wildlife off site and transport the wildlife to our center. This team allows the wildlife to receive faster medical attention.



# Diet Prep & Adopt-a County Road

- **Diet Prep:** Nutrition is one of the most important aspects of caring for wildlife. You will learn how to select the appropriate dietary components and mixtures as well as delivery of the diet to the animals.
- **Adopt-a County Road:** This program allows us to help keep our street and environment litter free. You will assist in helping clean litter from our roadways.





# Special Events & Clerical/Mailings

- **Special Events/Education Programs:** Throughout the year we need help with events, fundraisers, and education programs. We are always looking for new ideas and rely largely on our volunteers to make our special events, fundraisers, and educational programs successful. Many of our special events are heavily staffed by volunteers. You will assist our educator in educational programs at schools, events, and throughout the community.
- **Clerical/Mailings:** We will be doing several mailings throughout the year and have to make many phone calls to staff special events. You may also assist with animal intakes, answering the phone, addressing envelopes, and delivering information to the public on wildlife issues.

# Maintenance/Enclosure Building & Laundry/Cleaning

- **Maintenance/Enclosure Building:** As a new and growing facility we are constantly going to be expanding and updating. Handyman, carpentry, and building skills will be needed.
- **Laundry/Cleaning:** We strive to have a spotless facility. You will assist in daily cleaning consisting of sweeping, mopping, window, and wall cleaning. Laundry consist of multiple loads to be washed, dried, and folded daily.



# DOs & DON'TS

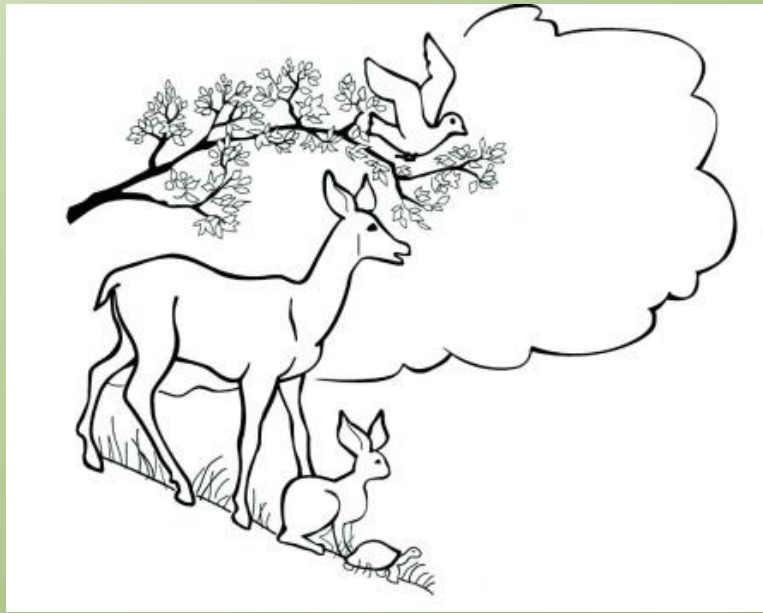
- Must read and sign the Waiver of Liability
- Must comply with all MRWRC rules
- Must read Volunteer Handbook
- Must maintain a professional attitude towards visitors, staff, and other volunteers
- Must wear proper attire when representing MRWRC (on and off-site)
- Obey all posted signs
- Complete all daily duties as assigned
- Check volunteer board before each shift for any updated information
- Must complete all classroom and hands on training
- Must attend all required additional training sessions
- Must record all hours worked daily
- Wildlife care volunteers must contribute no less than four (4) hours each month in approved work area
- Volunteers completing less than the required number of hours will be listed as inactive

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Please contact, Moraine Ridge staff members Ange or Stephanie, to set up a time to come in for hands-on training. Go to our website [www.mrwildliferehab.org](http://www.mrwildliferehab.org) and fill out an application/waiver. Please call 219-299-8027 or email [skadletz@mrwildliferehab.org](mailto:skadletz@mrwildliferehab.org) Thank you!!

