

## **Animal Rehabilitators of the Carolinas (ARC) Positions Needed**

**Transport Volunteers:** Pick up injured or orphaned animals from the person who found them and deliver them to the closest rehabilitator who can provide the appropriate care. (We ask that people bring us animals because many times the rehabilitator cannot leave the animals being cared for at that moment and run out and meet someone). Sometimes the finder doesn't have a car or can't drive. Requirements: Be able to drive and have own car. Most times this involves simply carrying a box from one place to another. ARC provides training and will teach you how to safely catch an animal as necessary and transport it properly.

**Telephone Volunteers:** There is no central location for ARC. Basically we only have contact with the public through our Telephone Hotline. We need people to help man the ARC hotline outside the required 3 hours a month per member. The Day Shift's are from 9am-12pm, 12pm to 3pm, 3pm to 6pm and the Evening Shift is from 6pm to 9pm. People are able to call from their own home or from where they work. Requirements: Must have access to a phone and be able to check for calls every 30 minutes (or every hour during quiet seasons) and be able to make long distance calls (we also cover parts of South Carolina). Telephone Volunteers may or may not rehabilitate animals – this is not a requirement. Attending Basic Training is required in order to learn how to answer calls properly. You will have the opportunity to talk with many people who share a concern about injured animals and have an excellent opportunity to educate the public by answering their questions. Over 50% of the calls we get are simply to answer questions and do not result in any animals being brought in for care.

**Rehabilitators:** Providing appropriate care for wildlife until the animals can be released back into the wild. We will provide the necessary training and assist you in obtaining your NC or SC state rehabilitators license (mandatory for caring for mammals). Requirements: Must attend Basic Training Classes and various Species Specific Classes (Rabbit, Opossum and Squirrel). You can be a rehabilitator even if you work, but you should be able to commit to giving about an hour of your time before and after work providing care for the animals in your home. You can also help provide care in another rehabilitator's home if you are unable to care for animals in your own (such as renting or living in an apartment).

**Licensed Rehabilitator:** We are looking for new experienced members to help us care for the more severely injured animals. If you already have your state and/or Federal Permits, please look into joining ARC and check out the benefits to being a part of our organization. You will have an opportunity to meet many interesting people who share your interests and also want to be involved in helping wildlife. ARC is a good way to hook into the wildlife network in your area.

If anyone wants to learn more about ARC they can call the ARC Hotline at (704) 552-2329 and leave their name, phone number and address. An application packet will be sent out immediately. All application forms and fees must be turned in prior to registering for classes. The \$45.00 initial fee covers both the membership dues for that year and the cost of the Rehab Manual that is given out at Basic Training. The Basis Training Class consists of part I & II, usually a Saturday and a Sunday. This is followed the next weekend (normally a Saturday) by the Species Specific and Hotline class.

Specific dates and location details will be sent out upon receipt of the forms and you will be registered for the next available set of classes.