CARING FOR ANIMALS
Flexible hours with a mandatory orientation.

Environmental Issue: Animals living in the urban environment are a hearty lot! From dodging automobiles to dealing with poor air/water quality, these city-dwelling creatures have more than their usual threats to survival. Through urbanization (specifically, urban sprawl), the city of Philadelphia and its neighboring cities and towns have taken their toll on once thriving and expansive natural ecosystems. Loss or degradation of these natural habitats by development is resulting in rising numbers of injured or stressed creatures that need rehabilitation and hopefully reintroduction into their urban ecosystems.

Chapters in Textbook: Ch 5 Biomes (temperate deciduous forest)
Ch 6 Population Dynamics
Ch 24 Urbanization

Title of Project: Animal Rehabilitation with the Schuylkill Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Dates and Times: March 12 to April 12, 2001
Flexible times (Monday through Sunday, 8 am to 10 pm)
***Mandatory Orientation: Saturday, Feb. 24 (12-2 pm)***

Supervisor: Ms. Trish O’Connel
Schuylkill Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
8480 Hagy’s Mill Road
Philadelphia, PA 19128
Contact supervisor at (215) 482-8217 (her days off are & Wed)
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Project description: The Wildlife Rehabilitation Center provides medical treatment and a temporary refuge for more than 3,000 birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians each year. This Environmental Action Project may involve care taking of animals (e.g., feeding, bathing, cleaning cages), education of the public, and stimulating the activity of the rehabilitating animals. You will be required to do research on environmental aspects pertaining to this field experience. Many biologists and ecologists are focusing on how humans and other plants/animals can co-exist in highly urbanized areas such as Philadelphia. Find out why animal rehabilitation is so important and why is there a need for rehabilitation centers such as this.

Directions:
By Bus: From campus, take Bus 32 on Henry Ave. to Ridge and Roxborough. Get off and transfer to Bus 9 and get off at Ridge and Port Royal Ave. Turn left and walk down Hagy’ s Mill RD. YOU MUST Confirm this with the SEPTA HOTLINE…Call (215) 580-7800!!!

By Car: Start out going Northwest on HENRY for 3.7 miles. Turn LEFT onto CRESTVIEW RD. for 0.1 miles. Turn RIGHT onto RIDGE AVE. for 0.2 miles then turn
LEFT onto PORT ROYAL AVE. for 0.2 miles. Turn RIGHT onto HAGYS MILL RD. (0.2 miles). TOTAL ESTIMATED TIME: 12 minutes; TOTAL DISTANCE: 4.5 miles CONFIRM THIS by going to www.mapquest.com and ‘get directions’

Notes: There is dirty work involved. You will be required to clean cages and rooms in which animals live. You may be required to wear a mask for your own protection. There is a MANDATORY orientation session (that does not count towards your total number of hours). You may be required to obtain a vaccination.