

# Big Cat Internship

**Employer:**

InSync Exotics

**Job Field:**

Other

**Job Type:**

Seasonal, Temporary, Internship

**Location:**

Texas

**Location Detail:**

Wylie

**Job Description:**

In-Sync Exotics is verified by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries and accredited by the American Sanctuary Association. We currently are home to over 75 exotic cats including lions, tigers, leopards, cougars, lynx, servals, ocelots and cheetahs. We offer 3-month and 6-month internships, designed to expand your knowledge in the care of exotic cats and the running of a sanctuary.

Experience includes diet preparation, feeding, cleaning enclosures, enrichment, observation of medical care at our on-site clinic, record keeping, public education/tours, building new enclosures/general maintenance and more. Our interns work hard in all kinds of weather conditions, in a small close-knit team and learn a great deal about all aspects of exotic cat care. Our interns also enjoy learning through classes, research and field trips!

Located 45 minutes northeast of Dallas, interns get to enjoy exploring the DFW metroplex, it's lakes and surrounding areas on their 2-day weekend.

We are currently accepting applications for the following terms:

Spring: February 22th – May 16th

Summer: May 24th – August 15th

**Responsibilities**

Interns will experience a wide variety of tasks throughout the day. Beginning with pulling heavy boxes of meat to thaw, followed by cleaning outdoor and indoor exhibits, preparing diets, preparing and distributing enrichment, record keeping and grounds maintenance.

Additionally, interns will assist keepers in feeding and medication administration.

There are opportunities during the internship to learn more about veterinary care and behavioral training. A day's work can be long hours especially in the case of an emergency. Work begins at 8am and sometimes doesn't finish until 6pm. Once a week interns will be required to carry out a night shift (7.30pm -11pm). The following day work would begin at 10am. A week is 5 days of work with a 2-day weekend.

**Qualifications:**

- Must be 18 years or older
- Must have completed or be working towards a degree in an animal-related field
- Must be in good physical condition and able to lift at least 50 pounds
- Must be able to work in all weather conditions
- Must be able to commit to a 12-week requirement (6 month internships also available)

**Salary:**

Onsite housing and a weekly stipend (\$50/week)

**How to Apply:**

To apply please email Heather Lazek, one of our Intern Coordinators, at [heatherlrt@gmail.com](mailto:heatherlrt@gmail.com) to request an application form.

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