

How to Find Work and Succeed If You Want A Wildlife Job

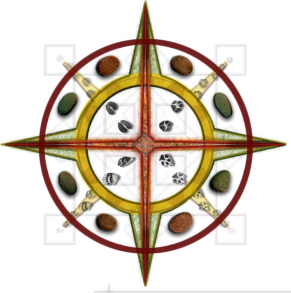
It feels like a struggle to find wildlife jobs. Everyone says it's hard to find a good job out there and the competition is tough. Don't buy it. You have everything within you to find and gather all you wish for.

There are times to follow your head, times to follow your heart, and always follow your Deeper Self.

Follow your head to attend to the details like getting your Bachelor's degree, then Master's, then PhD if that is what you are pursuing. Use your head to learn about all the amazing possibilities and places for work like studying primates in Madagascar, or deer in the Rockies, or manatees in Florida, or tropical birds in Costa Rica. Learn about the diverse specialties such as the ecology of medicinal plants, or bat diseases, or environmental toxicology, or epidemiology for zoonotic diseases. Learn who the leaders are in your area of interest, study their work, and get to know them. Study it like detective work exploring where the treasures are for you life and career.

And remember to also follow your Heart. Strive (give yourself permission) to do what gives you joy. Go to the Wildlife Society state chapter meetings and learn what people are doing and what excites you. Another way to follow your heart: Gather 2 copies of 2 to 3 wildlife journals (not too many) from the library, take them home, put on soft music, have a warm cup of tea and page through the journals without getting lost in the details. Find out (feel) what catches your attention (your heart): what species?, which research topics?, where in the world should I be? What excites you? Follow those leads and have fun along the way.

Follow your Deeper Self? What is that? Don't know what you want to do? "Go within or go without" (Eckharte Tolle, "The Power of Now"). I believe that we have all of the answers deep inside us. We know what type of work would create our greatest joy and abundance and lead us to our greatest success and our greatest self. Meditation is a powerful way to help answer your deepest questions. Get quiet and learn who you are. To find these answers empty your mind and listen. Read from people like Eckharte Tolle, Depak Chopra, and Neale Donald Walsch. So many others. Mainstream does not have it figured out. Learn from these masters. It will give you an edge. *You have all of the answers inside you.*



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And our deepest self is what is manifesting your present situation and your future. We are manifesting machines. We create what we focus on. All of the old traditional cultures know this. Focus on abundance and you will have abundance. Focus on your perfect job - really focus on it no matter what obstacles get in your way, and you will create it. Focus on a shortage of jobs and there will be a shortage of jobs. Presto!

Our culture convinces us to base everything on what is OUT THERE. But it all starts from within us. Often our negative stories and fears are doing the manifesting so learn how to change that. Meditation and a quiet mind will strengthen your ability to manifest what you want so you don't have to chase after them as hard. To learn this, listen to Wayne Dyer on YouTube with his PBS special: Intentions Part 1 & 2. And read Deepak Chopra, "The Spontaneous Fulfillment of Your Desires". It starts off with quantum physics, deep connections among all things, and the reality of miracles and it finishes with 7 meditations, one for each day of the week. I occasionally follow it for about 2 weeks and the outcome is amazing.

Don't follow your favorite dream.

Don't follow your favorite dream - follow your favorite two dreams! Pick your favorite two, put them together (no matter what they are) and produce a unique expertise. Wildlife diseases and ecology? Architecture and animals? Teaching children and wildlife research? Public speaking and anything? Do what gives you joy in double!

Do You Want Wildlife Handling Experience?

If you want some wildlife handling experience, learn who is doing research and management in your area such state fish and game, wildlife refuges, USGS, and private non-profits. Are you at or near a college or university? Learn which graduates are studying wildlife and offer your help. Go to state chapter meetings of the Wildlife Society and get to know the people. Visit with them.

Here is the trick to visiting with professions

I want to make the world a better place one animal at a time (through my teaching and field assistance) and one person at a time (through each interaction I have throughout the day - Offering a smile. Showing my interest. Helping them feel good about who they are.). If you visit with professionals (your future mentors) in a way that reinforces the awesome work they are doing, you will make the world a better place AND have a successful meeting with results.

When you visit with them, it is not about you it is about getting to know who are and what excites them. Let them tell your story. Your story will come out at just the right



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time, maybe not today, but at the right time. Ask and listen. Ask them which research is the most exciting for them and what they enjoy most. Bring out their stories. If you leave with them feeling good about themselves you have provided a gift as well as a future open door. Learn which of their research involves animal handling and slowly learn when it might happen. Ask if you can participate and when you do, work hard to make their life easier that day. When you volunteer, it should not be about you. It should be about helping them as much as possible.

Live a Healthy Life

If you want things to go right for you, live a healthy life. Recognize what gives you strength and power like being active outdoors, socializing with others, being of service to others. Sports, martial arts, yoga or tai chi - these healthy practices will make you stronger.

And recognize what weakens you. Everyone has addictions. Manage them. Stop watching television or playing computer games. There is so much to do in this Life - live it more fully. Avoid the use of chemicals - have you forgotten how exhilarating it is to be on top of a mountain at sunrise, or ski a steep slope of powder, or wind surf. Bring out and strengthen the "highs" of your body and soul. If you see repetitive habits in you, stop them for a few months and what it is like to be without them for a while. Are there new freedoms, new ways to see Life?

Our greatest success for career and Life will come from consciously developing our mind, body, and Spirit as we pursue our profession.

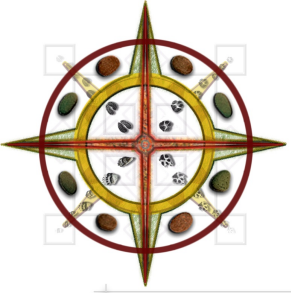
And what if nothing works?

You are going to get frustrated. When doors do not open it is because there is something better for you. Always find a positive reason for things. The Universe (or your deeper self) knows more than you do so trust there is a good reason it did not work out. Find the gift in everything.

The Universe is on your side. (Go ahead, Google "The Universe is on your side" and explore the links, study it and trust it.). Some kind of bigger power, whatever you call it, wants you to succeed. The more positive you are, the more you will help the Universe help you.

GWR Wildlife Chemical Capture Courses - a profound experience

GWR chemical immobilization courses first appear to be focused on how to drug animals - the dart guns and immobilizing drugs. And each course indeed teaches the most current and extensive field-based tools and techniques for drugging wildlife. But GWR courses are unique and so much more. We emphasize the importance of care,



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respect, and compassion for every animal we handle and the importance of bringing heart-felt values into our science so we can fully celebrate our wildlife professional work in body, mind, and spirit.

And GWR courses strive to empower every person who takes our courses, whether they are live courses or online training - we want you to succeed. These courses are often profound personal and professional experiences. Read the testimonies.

GWR courses will give you a deeper understanding of what is out there for you in the wildlife professional world. And somehow, these courses also bring out your once quiet soulful wants and dreams for what to do with your Life. These are not your typical chemical capture courses!

I wish for you great success, abundance, and happiness in whatever you pursue.

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