

The Best Volunteer Job for Zeke

(Story word: cages)

Zeke wanted to find a volunteer job for the summer. His teacher told him about Wildlife Rescue. He made a date to visit to see if they had a volunteer job for him to do.

He met the director, Ann. She explained the purpose of the Rescue. More people than ever before live near wildlife. This is because land that was once forest or farmland is now suburbs. Thus, suburban dwellers live near bats, birds, rabbits, snakes, foxes, chipmunks, squirrels and other kinds of wildlife.

Often, a person will see an injured or orphaned wild animal and have no idea what to do. Wildlife Rescue Shelter has a hotline for people to call. They advertise the number so that people will know that there are people willing to rescue wild animals.

The goal of the Wild Life Rescue is to return animals back into the wild once they are healed. Before releasing the animals, they test them in order to see if they have the skills to survive.

Zeke met Frank, who was a retired truck driver. Frank helps by collecting hurt animals in his van and bringing them to the shelter when people cannot drop off the animals themselves.

He met other volunteers who helped to clean cages and pens. One volunteer let him observe her feed an infant fox by hand. Another volunteer told him about how he collected and organized items donated to the shelter.

By the end of his visit, Zeke had met a lot of volunteers and seen a lot of animals being cared for. He felt this was the right spot for him to find a volunteer job.