

We are pleased to announce:

VETERINARY DEPARTMENT INTERNSHIP – WERELDERFGOEDCENTRUM WADDENZEE, the new home of Seal Centre Pieterburen Foundation

The Werelderfgoedcentrum Waddenzee (WEC), the Netherlands, the new home of Seal Centre Pieterburen Foundation, has an exciting opportunity for two Veterinary Interns to work in our Veterinary and Seal care Departments. The WEC is a new, modern facility, focusing not only on seal rehabilitation but on a much broader scope of sustainability, nature conservation, the Wadden sea and much more. As a veterinary intern you could be part of this new institution full of potential and exciting scientific opportunities. The WEC is located in Lauwersoog harbour, on the border of Groningen and Friesland provinces in the Netherlands, with good connections to both the city of Groningen and Leeuwarden.

Both positions last one year, one is scheduled to start in October 2026, and the other in April 2027. The WEC's Veterinary Department includes two full time veterinarians and two veterinary interns. We are looking for a highly motivated and dynamic candidate who will join our team and will work closely in a team setting with staff and volunteers to assist with all aspects of veterinary care and husbandry of sick and injured seals. Other responsibilities include but are not limited to: daily care of animals, transport of live/dead marine animals, maintenance of daily nutritional and medical records, sampling for various research projects, and data entry. Additional duties and projects may be assigned by staff.

The interns must be veterinarians or veterinary students, previous marine mammal or wildlife experience is a plus. They are required to find their own transportation to Lauwersoog and we provide a gross 300 Euro monthly internship allowance, fully equipped housing (gas, electricity, water, and internet included) and meals. The intern is required to get an official Dutch health insurance with one of the approved insurance providers for the duration of their stay. The interns should expect to be scheduled to cover a variety of shifts including weekdays, nights, weekends, and holidays. The ideal candidate should be mature and motivated, and possess a strong work ethic and excellent observational and communication skills (a fluent English level is required). Due to Visa requirements we are currently only able to accept applicants with a European passport.

The deadline for applications is May 17th 2026. Interested applicants should submit a copy of the CV, an intention letter, and two recommendation letters. Note that the application materials should be in English. Applications and questions should be submitted to vet@ontdekwec.nl indicating in the subject VETERINARY INTERN 2026/2027.

For more information about the WEC visit www.ontdekwec.nl