

eosinophilic along with degenerative changes and serofibrinous exudates.

Discussion

There was no history of dog bite or bite from any wild animals except that the animal had small wounds on the back and wither regions caused by pecking by crows. There was presence of squirrel and mongoose in the open enclosure of the animal. It might be possible that the rabies infection entered in the animal through wounds due to pecking by the crows or licking of wounds by squirrel or mongoose which are known to be the carrier of rabies infection. Typical symptoms of rabies such as salivation, staggering gait, hydrophobia, aggressive behaviour etc. were not present in this animal.

The pathological lesions noticed at the time of post mortem in the internal organs of the animal may be due to staphylococcal infection since the heart blood swab and peritoneal fluid swab were found positive for *Staphylococcus* (coagulase negative).

The veterinary team was treating the female 'Mohini' (rhino) upto 12.30 midnight. At the time the male Rhino 'Daboo' was locked inside the cell, but to our surprise and shock the male was also found dead in the next day morning. The male did not show any symptoms of sickness, but investigation in the animal cell revealed that this animal might have dashed against the wall and door after 12.30 AM as blood stains could be seen in this area. No apparent changes were noticed during post mortem. The cause of death of this animal was also attributed as Rabies, which might have been communicated from the female.

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Announcement : Position Available

Position: Field biologist/ ecologist for Center for Bear Rehab. and Conservation (black bear rehabilitation project)

Program: Wild Rescue

Reports to: Coordinator, Wild Rescue

Job loc: Seijosa, Pakke Tiger Reserve, Arunachal Pradesh

Closing date (if specified): 1 November 2003

Hiring Organization: Wildlife Trust of India

Job Description:

Contractual full-time position for a field biologist / ecologist is available with Wildlife Trust of India at Seijosa, Pakke tiger reserve, Arunachal Pradesh, India. Advanced degree(s) and experience sought (see below).

Essential qualifications required:

Minimum qualifications are master's degree in conservation biology/ wildlife sciences/ ecology/ zoology/ environmental sciences with two years professional biological experience in field conservation projects or a Doctorate in one of the biological sciences. Persons with experience working with bears and bear management will be preferred. Familiarity with modern ecological survey methods and the use of appropriate equipment including use of radio-telemetry. Ability to gather data, write comprehensive reports and present findings.

Additional required skills & capabilities: Ability to speak northeastern languages or interest and willingness to learn the languages will be an advantage. You should be able to work in very isolated conditions and be experienced in off-road driving. Use of computer software like Word, Excel, Power Point, and excellent written, communication and organization skills.

Responsibilities:

- Developing and implementing research projects
- Collecting data on feeding, behavior and habitat utilization of black bears
- Conducting data analysis and interpretation; and planning of field studies
- Preparing planning documents and progress reports

- Formulating bear population and habitat management policy and strategy recommendations
- Monitoring of released black bears will be one of the appointee's activities, along with collection of data on released bears in the study area
- Evaluating effectiveness of the bear rehabilitation program
- Providing technical assistance to forest department and other agency personnel
- Interacting with the public, especially on matters pertaining to bears and bear management.

Salary & benefits: Contract will initially be for six month on probation with the possibility of extension thereafter. Benefits include free on-site single accommodation. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications & field experience. Benefits include 30 paid holidays; 5 days of festival leave as per WTI rules per year.

Application Procedure:

Wildlife Trust of India is committed to saving our environment. We appreciate the submission of the application materials electronically!

Applicants should send: Cover letter, Resume and names of three professional references.

To Apply: Send application materials to email: Info@wti.org.in

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