



JOB POSTING

Job Title: Apprentice Trainer
Status: Part-Time 32 hours/week
Number of Positions: 1

Classification: Non-Exempt
Reports to: Supervisor of Marine Mammals
Posting Deadline: 3/31/19

Description

Reporting to the Supervisor of Marine Mammals, this position shall provide a supportive role in the operation and function of the Marine Mammal Care Department, with final authority in such matters remaining with the Curator of Animal Care.

This entry-level position is responsible for assisting with the daily care and behavioral conditioning of the marine mammal collection. The Apprentice Trainer's primary objective and responsibility is to provide support to senior training staff and to play supportive roles in public shows, presentations, and feedings.

Essential Responsibilities

- Assists in the daily care and behavioral conditioning of the pinniped collection
- May assist senior staff, under close supervision, with the progression of animal training goals and standards
- Able to identify all animals in the marine mammal collection, and observe any possible abnormalities
- Provide assistance during medical/husbandry procedures and animal transports
- Possess a strong knowledge of marine mammal history, individual animal histories and husbandry
- Maintains a high level of showmanship while performing supportive roles in daily shows and presentations
- Play a supportive role in guest interaction and encounter programs
- Uphold USDA standards in all areas of operation including commissary, animal areas, laboratory, husbandry and cleanliness
- Play a key role in maintaining the highest standards in the areas of diet preparation, record keeping, and animal observations
- Perform other duties as workload necessitates, regardless of time, day or location
- Perform regular pool maintenance on marine mammal exhibits/enclosures
- Possess knowledge of prudent safety procedures and policies for work within the department and animal enclosures
- Be aware of animal handling and restraint techniques to ensure the well-being of the marine mammal collection
- Responsible to recognize and treat volunteers and interns as unpaid staff
- Commit to providing them with a beneficial and positive learning experience
- Plan and direct volunteers, shadows, and interns in primary areas of responsibility
- Maintain a friendly, courteous and helpful attitude towards visitors

Qualifications

- Preferred: College degree in biology, psychology or related science
- Must be SCUBA certified
- Previous paid or unpaid experience involving the care and training of marine mammals
- Must be able to demonstrate a proficiency in public speaking and guest interaction
- Must be able to work on a team, as well as function individually with little supervision when necessary
- Must be able to lift and carry fifty (50) pounds, work on un-even and slippery surfaces, withstand temperatures of hot and cold, and sit/stand for long periods of time when necessary

To Apply

Please send resume and cover letter to rswem@aquariumofniagara.org no later than **March 31st, 2019**. Be sure to include Apprentice Trainer in the subject line of any correspondences.

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