



## ANIMAL FACILITIES SPECIALIST

**Job Title:** Animal Facilities Specialist  
**Department:** Marine Operations Department  
**Division:** Marine Mammal and Birds Division  
**Reports to:** Marine Mammal Manager/Assistant Curator of Marine Mammals and Birds  
**FLSA Status:** Exempt

**Job Summary:** The Animal Facility Specialist (AFS) works independently or as a team to ensure that all animal facilities and critical animal care equipment are fully functional and maintained. AFS team members report to the Assistant Curator of Marine Mammals and Birds but may also work under the guidance of the Assistant General Curator or other special projects staff. This position works closely with the Animal Welfare Specialist in each area to safely perform routine facility maintenance as well as new project construction as needed.

### **Duties/Responsibilities (Essential Functions):**

*Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform these essential functions.*

- Work independently or as a team to inspect and maintain animal enclosures. This may include but is not limited to clearing sargassum and growth on fence lines using SCUBA and underwater high pressure scrubbing tools, power tools, climbing ladders and performing shade canopy maintenance, etc.
- Problem solve and work to find improved solutions to maintenance challenges in the ocean environment.
- Basic maintenance skills including electrical troubleshooting, carpentry, and plumbing.
- Assist AWS team with animal procedures as needed.
- Frequently perform physically demanding tasks in potentially hazardous or harsh environments above and below the water.
- Work in proximity with large wild animals.
- Assist with various cleaning and maintenance duties in the marine mammal and/or birds work areas. This includes handling chemicals for cleaning pool enclosures, assisting with filtration operations, and conducting water quality tests.
- Assists as needed with animal training sessions.
- Perform other duties that may require learning to use tools or other equipment as required.
- Work with outside contractors to address Coral World's needs as deemed appropriate.

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### **Supervisory Responsibilities:**

This position has no supervisory responsibilities.

### **Work Environment:**

This job operates in a professional environment (indoor and outdoor). The employee will be exposed to sunny, warm, humid, and wet conditions. This role routinely uses standard equipment such as computers, phones, hand tools, drills, saws and hammers.

The noise level in the work environment can be sometimes loud, dusty, and smelly.

### **Physical demands**

This position requires the employee to sit, stand, walk, or move for most of his/her working hours and will often require the ability to jump, stoop, kneel, crouch, climb and swim. Animal Facilities Specialist are often required to walk around the park sometimes on uneven ground and up and down stairs and ladders. Animal Facilities Specialist are frequently required to reach with hands and arms, using hands to handle or feel. Animal Welfare Specialist Assistants are also required to be in constant communication with guests requiring them to talk and hear clearly. Animal Facilities Specialists must frequently lift and/or move up to 50 pounds, walk on slippery surfaces, work in freezers and cold rooms, work on wet uneven surfaces, work outdoors in all elements including hot weather. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus.

Animal Facilities Specialist duties are frequently performed under physically demanding conditions and potentially hazardous environments, including working in close proximity with wild animals and handling potentially dangerous chemicals.

### **Position Type and Expected Hours of Work**

This is a full-time position. Days are scheduled 5 days a week between Sunday - Saturday for a 40-hour work week. During the slow season hours may be reduced to accommodate the needs of the park. During emergencies such as Hurricanes or other natural disasters may be expected to work 50+ hours per week.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

#### ***Required:***

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Ability to work legally in the United States (Coral World does not provide visas for international applicants).
- Ability to pass an annual, on-site swimming and physical conditioning test and must be very comfortable in the water.
- Open water SCUBA certified or the ability to obtain certification within probationary period (6 months).
- Must be able to become CPR/First Aid Certified.
- Require the use of good judgment, dedication, and timeliness.
- Must be highly organized, self-motivated, and dependable.
- Must be able to follow established procedures and adapt to constantly changing scenarios.
- Required to maintain a positive attitude, cooperative and productive work relationships, and always relate to guests and co-workers in a friendly and professional manner.
- Requires effective oral and written communication skills, the ability to follow instructions and directives, and accept constructive criticism in a professional manner.

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- Desire to work around animals and be outdoors.
  - Boating and/or dock tending experience would be valuable.
  - Willingness to learn and develop new skills through onsite or offsite training.

***Preferred:***

- Basic construction skills
- Understanding pumps and plumbing

***Special Eligibility Requirements:***

- Ability to work flexible schedule, including evenings, weekends, and holidays.
- Must be a team player and be able to get along with others.
- Must be able to use tact in handling sensitive situations.
- Must be personable, courteous and able to work under pressure.
- Must be able to work around large marine animals and follow all safety procedures.

**Other Duties**

Please note this job description is not designed to contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Management reserves the right to revise the job or to require that other or different tasks be performed when circumstances change (example: emergencies, changes to personnel, workload, rush jobs, or technological developments).

**Please submit cover letter, resume, and references by email to be considered for the position.  
Please include the job title in the subject. References required.**

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