Job Description

Job Title: Marine Mammal Trainer 2 and Marine Mammal Trainer 3 (Senior Trainer) - Dolphins & Sea Lions

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

Reports to: Assistant Curator of Marine Mammals or Dolphin Manager

Job Summary: Marine Mammal Trainer 2 and Trainer 3 (Senior) works directly under the supervision of the Dolphin Manager and Marine Mammal Assistant Curators.

Duties and Responsibilities: (Including but not limited to)

Marine Mammal Trainer 2 and 3 (Senior Level) - Note: We are hiring for the Dolphin Team and the Sea Lion Team. Some crossover may occur.

Level 2 Job Summary:

- Responsible for performing all cleaning, food preparation, and recordkeeping duties as well as regularly working marine mammals for interactive programs and public presentations.
- Assigned moderate to advanced training and animal handling tasks, under the guidance of senior staff.
- Expected to utilize their knowledge and experience during training scenarios, handling most behavior-related challenges on their own with minimal supervision.
- May assist with staff scheduling, project management, intern coordination, or supply procurement.
- Is likely assigned as the primary trainer to a specific animal, and is responsible for the training, maintenance, and health monitoring of that animal (reporting directly to the Assistant Curator).
- The active goal of a trainer in this position is to continue to develop their training skills and gain experience training advanced behaviors and troubleshooting complex behavioral problems.
- Will also be given the opportunity to lead Education Focus and Training Focus modules under the supervision of more senior staff.
- Is expected to develop leadership skills by assisting apprentice trainers, assistants, and interns with their professional development.

Required:
- Minimum 2 years full time paid animal training experience

Level 3 Job Summary:

- Under the direct guidance of the Dolphin Manager and Assistant Curator, the Senior Trainer will assist in developing Coral World’s new innovative dolphin program.
- Responsible for performing all animal training, cleaning, food preparation, and recordkeeping duties performed by the Trainer 1 and Trainer 2 positions.
- Is responsible for assisting the Dolphin Manager and Assistant Curator in supervising the rest of the staff and monitoring the overall animal operation.
- Is the senior staff member on-site when the Dolphin Manager or Assistant Curator is unavailable and is responsible for making difficult animal training and operational decisions in the supervisor's place.
bullet Is expected to use their extensive animal training knowledge and experience to manage complex behavioral challenges and train advanced behaviors without assistance.
bullet Must have strong customer service skills and is expected to handle customer related problems when they arise.
bullet Is also expected to organize and lead all Education Focus, Training Focus, and Animal Focus modules.
bullet Must display excellent leadership and communication skills and acts as both a mentor for the entire training staff and an objective voice for the Dolphin Manager and Assistant Curator.

Required:
  • Minimum 5 years full time paid animal training experience

Preferred:
  • Cetacean experience with advanced husbandry training highly preferred
  • Bilingual

Special Requirements for both Trainer 2 & Trainer 3:
  • Bachelor’s Degree in psychology, biology or related scientific discipline (or a comparable level of education/experience that would provide the necessary knowledge to meet the minimum qualifications for the position)
  • Scuba Certified
  • Must be willing to work overtime, holidays, evenings, and weekends as requested by manager.
  • Must be a team player and be able to get along with others.

Please Note: This job description in no way states or implies that these are the only tasks to be performed by this position. This position will be required to follow any other job-related instructions and to perform any other job related tasks as requested by their supervisor and/or manager.

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

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