



Animal Welfare Specialist (AWS) 3

Coral World is currently looking for outstanding candidates to join our expanding marine mammal care and training team. Candidates with more than five years of applied marine mammal and/or bird care and training experience are encouraged to apply. Successful candidates will be offered a position in either our Dolphins or Sea lions and Birds Area based on their experience and expressed interest. Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

Position Overview – Animal Welfare Specialist 3 (Senior)

The AWS 3 works directly under the supervision of the Marine Mammal Manager in their assigned area. This trainer is responsible for performing all animal training, cleaning, food preparation, and recordkeeping duties performed by the AWS 1 and AWS 2 positions. In addition, this AWS 3 is responsible for assisting the Assistant Curator in supervising the rest of the staff and monitoring the overall animal operation. The AWS 3 is the senior staff member on-site when the Marine Mammal Manager or Assistant Curator are unavailable and is responsible for making difficult animal training and operational decisions in the supervisor's place. This trainer is expected to use their extensive animal training knowledge and experience to manage complex behavioral challenges and train advanced behaviors without assistance. The AWS 3 must have strong customer service skills and is expected to handle customer related problems when they arise.

The AWS 3 is also expected to organize and lead all aspects of the park's trainer development program. This trainer must display excellent leadership and communication skills, and acts as both a mentor for the entire training staff and an objective voice for the Marine Mammal Manager and Assistant Curator of Marine Mammals and Birds.

Position Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in psychology, biology, or a related scientific discipline (or a comparable level of education/experience that would provide the necessary knowledge to meet the minimum qualifications for the position).
- AWS 3 (senior level): Minimum five years full time paid animal training experience.
- Ability to lift 66 pounds, work outdoors in all conditions, and work a variable schedule (including weekends and possibly evenings).
- A basic understanding of Microsoft Office software, including Word, Excel, and Powerpoint.
- Able to work legally in the United States (Coral World does not provide visas for international applicants).

Position Demands

- Duties require the use of good judgment and problem-solving skills.
- Applicants must be highly organized, self-motivated, and dependable.
- They must be able to follow established procedures, work under deadlines, and effectively navigate a wide variety of challenging situations.
- Employees are required to maintain a positive attitude, cooperative and productive work relationships, and relate to guests and co-workers in a friendly and professional manner at all times.

- This position requires effective oral and written communication skills, the ability to follow instructions and directives, and accept constructive criticism in a professional manner.
- 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.

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

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