



Job Description: Animal Welfare Specialist 2 (AWS 2) - Aquatics & Avian

Department: Exhibits
Division: Marine Operations
Reports to: Senior AWS / Assistant Curator of Exhibits
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt
Wage: Starting from \$18 per hour
Applications: Email CV/resumé to mark@cleansearch.tech

Position Overview

Become a member of our Exhibits team at Coral World Ocean Park in sunny St Thomas, US Virgin Islands. We are looking for a candidate that will carry out husbandry duties for the many animals and exhibits we offer to our guests. This demanding job requires attention to detail, time management skills and a positive attitude that can be shared with our visitors. The Animal Welfare Specialist 2 (AWS 2) - Aquatics & Avian works directly under the supervision of the Assistant Curator of Exhibits and the Senior Aquarist. The AWS 2 is responsible for performing all cleaning, food preparation, and record keeping duties performed by the AWS 1, as well as participating in collecting and advanced aquarium construction. In addition, the AWS 2 is assigned moderate to advanced animal husbandry and training tasks to be performed under the guidance of senior staff. The AWS 2 is expected to utilize their knowledge and experience during daily animal husbandry, handling most husbandry related challenges on their own with minimal supervision. Additional duties of an AWS 2 may include organizing daily maintenance tasks, project management, intern coordination, supply procurement, etc. The AWS 2 is likely assigned as the primary of newly acquired animals or given training projects. The active goal of the person in this position is to continue to develop their aquarium skills and gain experience training other staff members and troubleshooting complex husbandry problems. The AWS 2 will also be given the opportunity develop leadership skills by teaching and assisting interns as well as AWS 1s with their professional development.

Principal Duties & Responsibilities:

- Daily care and maintenance of the park's animal exhibits and collection including fish, rays, sharks, sea turtles and many others.
- Performs public presentations to large groups of guests and feeding demonstrations with the animals while interacting in a positive manner that represents the park.
- Collection of specimens for aquatic exhibits and assist with designing new exhibits.
- Husbandry tasks including performing observational rounds, diet preparation, medicating animals and disease recognition.
- Responsible for animal training & enrichment for some of the species in the collection.
- Maintaining daily record keeping in accordance with established procedures.
- Maintaining exhibits and pools, including the use of SCUBA for underwater tasks
- Participate in special events and educational programs.
- Keeping behind the scenes areas clean and organized.
- Working in a team environment and assisting in all areas of the park, as needed.

Supervisory Responsibility

This position has minimal responsibilities with direction from Assistant Curator of Exhibits

Physical demands

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by the employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodation may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. This position requires the employee to stand/walk for most of his or her working hours but occasionally must stoop, kneel, or crouch. This position requires you to walk around the park sometimes on uneven ground and up and down stairs. This position frequently requires reaching with hands and arms, using hands to handle or feel. This position requires us to be in constant communication with guests requiring the candidate to talk and hear. This position also must frequently lift and/or move up to 30 pounds and occasionally may lift and/or move up to 50 pounds.

Position Type and Expected Hours of Work

This is a full-time position. Days and hours are scheduled based on the needs of the company.

Qualifications & Skills

REQUIRED:

- Bachelor's degree in marine biology, Zoology, Biology, or related field.
- Minimum of 2 years' professional experience in an animal care setting
- Must be able to lift 50 lbs.
- Open Water SCUBA certification required from accredited agency.
- Must be a team player with strong communication skills, have a positive attitude, and an outgoing personality, with the ability to work well unsupervised.
- Must be aware of the challenges of living on a Caribbean island (high cost of living, working in the sun and heat all day, etc.).
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Excel.
- Flexible with non-traditional schedules (working holidays and weekends).
- Must be able to work in the U.S.

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- Wants to work in the Hospitality Industry.
- Bilingual

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must be willing to work overtime, holidays, and weekends as requested by manager.
- Must be a team player and be able to get along with others.
- Must be personable, courteous, and able to work under pressure

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). Duties, responsibilities, and activities may change at any time with or without notice.