



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

Job Title: 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 \$16-17 per hour

Applications: Email CV/resumé to Valissa@coralworldvi.com

Position Overview – Animal Welfare Specialist 2 (AWS 2) - Aquatics & Avian

Become a member of our Exhibits team at Coral World Ocean Park in sunny St Thomas, US Virgin Islands. We are looking for an experienced 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 Animal Welfare Specialist 2 (AWS 2) - Aquatics & Avian is responsible for performing all cleaning, food preparation, and record keeping duties performed by the Animal Welfare Specialist 1 (AWS 1) - Aquatics & Avian position, as well as participating in collecting and advanced aquarium construction. In addition, Animal Welfare Specialist 2 (AWS 2) - Aquatics & Avian is assigned moderate to advanced animal husbandry and training tasks to be performed under the guidance of senior staff. This Animal Welfare Specialist 2 (AWS 2) - Aquatics & Avian 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 Animal Welfare Specialist 2 (AWS 2) - Aquatics & Avian may include organizing daily maintenance tasks, project management, intern coordination, supply procurement, etc. The Animal Welfare Specialist 2 (AWS 2) - Aquatics & Avian 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 Aquarist 2 will also be given the opportunity develop leadership skills by teaching and assisting interns as well as, Aquarist 1 with their professional development.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities (Essential Functions):**

- 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

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.

PREFERRED



- 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

Signature

Employee signature below indicates the employee's understanding of the requirements, essential functions, and duties of the Animal Welfare Specialist 2 – Aquatics & Avian position. Employee understands that they are responsible for the satisfactory execution of the essential functions described therein, under all conditions as described.

Employee Name _____

Date _____

Employee

Signature _____