

Sea Turtle Technician

Grade: 4

Reports to: Sea Turtle Care Center Manager
Job Status: Full-Time; Non-Exempt

Department: Husbandry
Approval Date: June 2020

Job Summary:

Primary responsibilities are tending to the medical and husbandry needs of the animals within the South Carolina Aquarium's Sea Turtle Care Center (STCC), supervising volunteers and interns and conducting various public engagement opportunities.

Essential Functions:

- Work closely with the veterinary team and STCC Manager to evaluate animal health and environmental requirements.
- Assist in diagnostic, medical and surgical procedures.
- Administer prescribed medications and treatments to animals.
- Be willing and able to be reached during non-working hours for emergencies.
- Stock and maintain medical and care center supplies.
- Help develop, prepare and distribute proper nutritional diets.
- Maintain proper water quality and functioning life support systems.
- Help coordinate animal releases and internal/external transports.
- Supervise volunteers and interns.
- Keep accurate records.
- Maintain care center and work area aesthetics, and perform periodic renovations as needed.
- Support, conduct and help coordinate behind the scenes tours for Aquarium supporters.
- Support the Marketing and Strategic Communications Department by providing content for media related requests and social media platforms.
- Provide public engagement with the Aquarium's guests in virtual, formal and informal settings.
- Assist with educational outreach programs for community groups, schools and other organizations.
- Adhere to the South Carolina Aquarium's Policies & Procedures.

Other Duties and Responsibilities:

- Support the mission by participating in Aquarium sponsored programs and events on a regular basis.
- Seek out, develop and practice cost savings strategies and improvements for overall efficiency.
- Communicate internally and externally, on a regular basis, developments regarding the Aquarium STCC and/or related sea turtle conservation.
- Attend and be a productive member of approved meetings, committees, workshops, conferences, etc.
- Participate in field work and research activities approved by STCC Manager.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to work under pressure in emergency situations.
- Must have excellent oral and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to understand the mechanical equipment necessary to maintain the STCC.
- Knowledge and demonstrated skill for minor plumbing and carpentry work.

Education and Experience Required:

- BS in biology, aquatic biology, or a closely related field.
- Previous experience with sea turtles and/or animal rehabilitation.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office

Licenses and Certifications Required:

- Valid Driver's License with clean driving record

Supervision of others:

- Volunteers
- Interns

Physical Requirements:

Requires average walking, standing, bending, stooping and crouching, climbing ladders, sitting, kneeling, balancing, pushing and pulling, crawling, working with tools, computer tasks and phone usage; should be able to lift/carry at least 50 lbs.; requires wading, swimming and driving Aquarium vehicles.

Hazardous Requirements:

Average exposure to minor or severe cuts; falls; falling objects; hazards to eyesight, hearing and sense of smell; and tight spaces. Often requires use of personal protective equipment due to exposure to chemicals, hazardous materials, ozone and handling of animals.

Working Conditions:

This position requires works in both an office environment and outdoors, sometimes in extreme weather including both hot and cold; requires weekend and late night work as needed; requires contact with customers, the general public and outside vendors; requires carrying a cell phone and radio; requires occasional travel.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work performed by people assigned to this classification. They are not construed to be an exhaustive list of all job duties performed by the personnel classified.

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