

Position Title: Animal Care Technician

FULL TIME

Position Description:

The primary responsibility is team coverage for feeding and husbandry of all aquariums and exhibit animals, as well as maintaining a 750,000 gallon gamefish lagoon, aquarium life support systems, stingray tank, touch tanks, and individual aquariums. Secondary responsibilities include, but are not limited to, assisting with on-going research, public outreach, and aiding education programs. The technician is expected to be familiar with necessary equipment, pumps, scuba gear, collecting nets, fishing gear, and water quality equipment. Work direction and priorities are given by the Director of Animal Care and Life Support.

Position Responsibilities:

- Preparing/feeding of daily nutrition and food diets for all aquatic animals.
- Performing operant training of onsite animals to ensure appropriate progress and behaviors are achieved
- Monitoring health and treatments of all exhibit animals for disease and parasites.
- Maintaining all necessary aquarium & life support equipment (pumps, generators, hoses, scuba gear, fishing gear, and water quality instruments), including maintenance and operation of all holding and quarantine facilities and exhibit/aquarium life support systems including all exhibits and displays under the supervision of a specialist.
- Performing water quality monitoring, analysis and record keeping under the supervision of a specialist.
- Responsible for daily exhibit/aquarium cleaning program including algae removal, scrubbing and vacuuming surfaces/substrate, and the removal of surface algae while ensuring that the department adheres to the daily checklist. This position is responsible for maintaining a daily activities log.
- Responsible for maintenance of 750,000 gallon saltwater lagoon. Use of trash pump, hoses and other related equipment.
- Responsible for maintenance of 10,000 gallon Stingray tank – bi-weekly in water cleanings
- Maintaining life support systems/equipment maintenance logs.
- Assist in monitoring and training of volunteers and interns for appropriate methods for various public exhibits and quarantine. Updating staff/volunteers of any changes or additions to exhibits.
- Assisting the organization with mission-based projects

Work Schedule:

- Holiday Rotation / Tuesday- Saturday

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in biology or environmental science preferred. Those currently pursuing a degree will also be considered.
- This is a very dynamic and physical position. Potential candidates require the ability to bend, crouch, stand and kneel for long extended periods, as well as, handle a mostly outside work environmental (hot, cold, humid, buggy, etc.)
- Capacity to lift 50lbs

To Apply:

This position is open until filled and reports to the Director of Animal Care and Life Support. Send application, resume and cover letter to: bhascup@floridaocean.org