

Zoological Specialist (Aquarium)

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Company: Miral

Location: United Arab Emirates

Category: healthcare-practitioners-and-technical

Join the SeaWorld Abu Dhabi team. In this role, you will ensure a smooth and efficient operations of the SeaWorld Abu Dhabi facilities in Zoological department under the Penguin section by safely fulfilling the duties in animal/guest interactions, animal training, husbandry, enrichment, general public presentations, and research.

This position requires standing in a prolonged period, moves/lifts up to 25kgs of load; also requires working in varying shifts based on business need. This includes opening, mid, and closing shifts, nights, weekends and holidays.

The job scope also includes:

Performs daily husbandry tasks including administration of vitamins and medication as directed

Prepares food, provides proper nutrition and constant care of animals

Maintains a safe, appropriate and sanitary living conditions for all animal habitats

Applies proficient behavioral modification techniques. This includes, but is not limited in developing and implementing new behavior, training of naïve animals with minimum supervision, training behavior to completion without supervision, proactively maintaining conditioned behavior, and the ability to form relationships with most, if not all, of the animals in assigned area

Ensures guests, personal, and animals' safety through constant monitoring of the behavioral precursors of potentially harmful behavior by both animals and people

Assists on the training of colleagues and animals as directed by the leadership

Provides proactive guest services through guest interactions, pre and post shows, and responding to guest inquiries

Performs assigned roles in education and general public programs, and guest interaction programs

Makes daily observations of animals and reports any abnormalities to the leadership team

Maintains all animal records, equipment, area responsibilities, and communication requirements on a daily basis

Functions as Ambassador by displaying consideration, tolerance, cooperation, open communication, and reliability; maintains a consistent attitude, motivation, and ability to accept feedback

Ensures all policies, guidelines, manuals and SOPs are followed at all times

Consistently practices safe work habits including, but not limited to the use of personal protective equipment, lifting and reporting of unsafe situations

Delivers department trainings as well as completes all required trainings; ensures in maintaining professional development and competencies

Performs other duties as assigned

To be considered for this role, you will need to have:

High School diploma and/or degree in Psychology, Zoology or Biology or equivalent

Certification in Open Water SCUBA

Ability to successfully pass an area swim test within the first 60 days of hire

2 years of relatable animal experience in a professional setting

Demonstrate an understanding of fish, reptile, amphibian and invertebrate husbandry, nutrition and natural history

Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English

Excellent swimming and diving skills

Basic mathematical skill

Basic computer knowledge including MS Office and animal recording system

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