



JOB OPPORTUNITY: Animal Care Technician

Job Overview:

The Animal Care Technician will play a crucial role in the care and well-being of our diverse collection of reptiles, amphibians, and birds of prey, which contribute to Woodcock's goals of environmental education and wildlife conservation. This position is part-time and approximately 20 hours per week.

Responsibilities:

- Provide daily care, feeding, and enrichment activities for a variety of animals. Maintain clean and safe habitats, ensuring that all enclosures meet or exceed industry standards.
- Monitor and assess the health and behavior of animals, promptly reporting any concerns.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date records of animals feeding, weights, activities, health observations, and behavioral notes.
- Work closely with other staff members to ensure the seamless operation of the animal care program. Assist with visitors and education programs as needed.
- Ensure that all animal care areas and public spaces are organized, well-maintained, and create a positive and welcoming environment for visitors.
- Perform and assist with all other duties as directed by the Animal Curator.

Required Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent; additional education or relevant experience
- Previous experience in animal care- ideally in a zoo, nature center, or similar setting a MUST.
- Must live within 30 minutes of our organization
- Ability to work independently and to carry out assignments to completion
- Experience in live exhibit and facility maintenance
- Strong organizational and multitasking skills with meticulous attention to detail
- Excellent communication and interpersonal abilities, both verbal and written and ability to work in a small team-oriented environment.
- Strong knowledge and passion for nature conservation, environmental education, and animal husbandry
- Flexibility to work weekends, evenings, and holidays as needed
- Proficiency in Excel and Google sheets, including skills in spreadsheet development
- Database management experience a plus
- Position contingent upon a satisfactory completion of a background check
- Must have reliable transportation

Physical Requirements:

- Ability to stand/walk for extended periods of time
- Able to lift 40 lbs.
- Flexibility to work in indoor and outdoor work environments including exposure to outdoor elements
- Must be willing to work with/handle birds of prey, snakes, insects and spiders

Reports to: Animal Curator

Schedule: Monday-Friday 9-1pm; some weekends, evenings, and holidays as needed as well as occasional work with the public at special events.

Compensation: \$16-\$18 per hr., based on experience

Benefits: Because this is part-time, this position will not be eligible for Woodcock's benefits or paid vacation but is eligible for program discounts.

To apply: Send a cover letter, resume and two professional references to Jennifer Bradshaw at jbradshaw@woodcocknaturecenter.org *****Applications without these elements will not be considered.*****