Entry Level Aquarist

POSITION PURPOSE: Under the supervision of the Senior Keeper, assists husbandry staff in ensuring and promoting effective and efficient care of the department’s animal collection.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Daily husbandry of the animal collection (mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, amphibians, and insects) including preparation of diets, medical care, required record keeping, cleaning and maintenance of the animal exhibit space.
- Establishing and maintaining an environment conducive to the health and well being of the animal collection.
- Cleaning and maintaining of exhibits, quarantine and service areas for the animal collection.
- Animal training and educational animal encounters as required.
- Coordinates daily activities though effective communication with other staff and volunteers
- Perform other job related duties as assigned.

Knowledge – Requires a high school diploma or GED; some college level classes in an animal related field or equivalent experience preferred. General knowledge of basic husbandry needs of a wide variety of captive animals. Need good communication skills.

Mental- Requires a relatively high degree of concentration and attention to the needs of a wide variety of captive animals and precise record keeping. Ability to follow and convey written and verbal instructions.

Physical - Requires walking/standing approximately 70% of the time, sitting 15% of the time, forward bending and crouching 15% of the time. Must be able to life 50 pounds. Requires the ability to move about within exhibits containing rocky and/or uneven surfaces.

Environmental- Requires capability of performing essential job functions in holding areas, exhibit spaces, and in office environments with climate control and good lighting.

Manual Dexterity- Requires ability to handle a wide variety of animals; including mammals, birds, fish reptiles and amphibians and the ability to operate computers and other general office equipment.

Audible–Requires the ability to effectively communicate in person and via telephone with management, museum guests, volunteers and staff.

Visual–Requires the ability to observe physical characteristic changes in the animal collection, operate office equipment including computers and read written instruction and other documentation.

The above description is intended to describe the general content, identify the essential job functions, and set forth the requirements for the performance of this job. It is not to be construed as an exhaustive statement of job functions or requirements.

I have read and understand the Entry Level Aquarist Job Description and can perform the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations.