

Intern for Exotic Animal Dept. – position description

POSITION:

Exotic Animal Department Intern

SUPERVISOR:

Exotics Administrator

TIME COMMITMENT:

12 hours per week/3 days per week.

Length of internship: **3 months**

Duties & responsibilities:

The exotic animal internship is designed to help applicants determine if a career with animals is right for them. It also offers valuable experience to those who are planning to apply to vet school or looking to pursue a job in the animal care field. You will learn, hands on, all the husbandry techniques to care for exotic animals. The exotic animal intern will work closely with staff and volunteers in the exotic animal department. Interns will learn what it is like to work in a shelter environment that receives a high variety of exotic animal species every year. You will learn to handle, restrain, medicate, evaluate, observe and interpret exotic animal behaviors in a captive environment. Interns will learn how to set-up enclosures for different types of species (tropical, temperate, desert, etc.) and will assist in the observation of the animal collection for signs of illness, injury, and dietary problems. You will be given the opportunity to gain valuable skills with on-the-job training and experience.

TRAINING:

Some prior experience with exotic animals is preferred. On-the-job training is provided.

Qualifications:

- Must be 18 or older
- Weekend and holiday work may be required
- Interns must be willing to take directions and follow established protocols
- Interns must be able to perform manual labor such as cleaning, feeding, and general husbandry tasks for animals
- Interns must be willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds
- Must not be reluctant to work with specific types of animals (snakes, bugs, etc.)