

# Marine Science Center

## Volunteer Job Descriptions and Requirements



### Turtle Hospital

This department provides excellent opportunities to assist with the rehabilitation of sea turtles, gopher tortoises, and many other miscellaneous reptiles. The duties supply the volunteers with a wide variety of experiences helpful to seek employment in the veterinary industry, growing zoo and aquarium industry and the enjoyment of working with and helping conserve sea turtles gopher tortoises and miscellaneous reptiles.

### Job Description

- Help maintain rehabilitation systems (pools) and exhibits appearance. This involves cleaning, monitoring patient health, and identifying any perceived issues.
- Perform basic maintenance to ensure biological, mechanical and chemical filtration systems are operating correctly. Monitor and record life support equipment and parameters.
- Assist in intake procedures such as required paperwork, placement of the patient into appropriate housing, assist with initial triage procedures and associated treatment plan.
- Daily basic cleaning duties consisting of keeping hospital and terrace windows clean as well as other miscellaneous husbandry tasks.
- Assist staff with patient wound care.
- Learn the diets and husbandry record keeping of the exhibit animals. This will require knowledge of the identification, life history, and nutritional requirements for gopher tortoises, exhibit snakes, and box turtles.
- Walk rehabbing gopher tortoises and box turtle patients for foraging, exercise and UV benefits. Close monitoring during this time is required.
- Continually monitor both patient and resident behaviors.
- Guest interaction and education are encouraged while volunteering.

### Volunteer Commitment and Requirements

- There is a one, 4-hour shift on a consistent day, per week, for a minimum commitment of 6 months. Volunteers are required to complete four hours per week without missing two consecutive shifts to stay active.
- Minimum of 18 years or older.
- Volunteers may be exposed to zoonotic diseases.
- Exposure to inclement weather, uneven terrain, wet conditions, cleaning chemicals, and standing for long periods.
- Able to lift 50 pounds. Volunteers can be accepted with lifting restrictions but may be limited in qualified duties.
- Positive attitude and interest in learning.
- Communicate any health issues or allergies (immunocompromised) to the department manager.