



Audubon Society of Rhode Island

Animal Care Volunteer

Term Length:

Long term

Location:

Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Headquarters, Smithfield, RI

Qualifications:

- * Experience and/or Strong interest in amphibians /reptiles/arthropods and wildlife husbandry
- * Ability to work both independently and in a team
- * Willingness to work at least 1 or 2 weekly shifts regularly
- * Must have a tolerance to handling non-venomous snakes, turtles, frogs, hissing cockroaches, and feeding dead mice to snakes
- * Mature Individual Preferred, Retirees and Seniors welcome!

Description:

The Animal Care Volunteer is responsible for assisting with the care of the Audubon Society of Rhode Island's Education Animals. These animals include reptiles, such as snakes and turtles, amphibians, such as frogs and Salamanders and arthropods, such as hissing cockroaches, crickets, and fishes used for feeding. Animal Care Volunteers are responsible for the daily care, cleaning, and maintenance of the education animals. This would include food preparation, and feeding, cleaning of tanks, record keeping, and maintenance of equipment. They also assist with training and handling of education animals, environmental enrichment, behavior observations, general physical exam and medical care and public education. This position works as an integral part of the education team.

Learning Opportunities

The Audubon Society animal care volunteer will learn:

- * In depth raptor and reptile biology, natural history, especially of the common eastern species.
- * The basics of feeding, housing, equipment, and training amphibians and reptiles for education.
- * Basic amphibian/reptile handling and transportation techniques for public education
- * General maintenance and medical care of small animals.
- * The basics of interpretation and education for the general public.

Hours:

Minimum schedule of 1 shift: Each shift requires at least 2 hours commitment. This would be anytime between 9am and 5pm Monday ó Friday with a preference for the beginning of the week and/or the end of the week.

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