



## **PART-TIME AMBASSADOR ANIMAL CARE SPECIALIST**

Under the supervision of the Director of Education, the part-time Ambassador Animal Care Specialist is responsible for assisting in the care and training of all Education Department program animals, Heritage Farm educational opportunities, and seasonal animal demonstrations on Zoo grounds.

### **Essential Functions:**

- Primary accountability for specific functions and results. The list of essential functions is not exhaustive and may be supplemented or changed as necessary.
- Prepares and provides diet and feeding protocols to Education Department program/Heritage Farm animals.
- Cleans and shifts animals for the purpose of exhibit/enclosure maintenance and modifications.
- Monitors, documents and reports daily animal health and behavioral status, noting short and long-term changes.
- Maintains compliance with AZA and USDA regulations. Reports any potentially non-compliant issues immediately to the Director of Education.
- Identifies maintenance and safety issues, and aides in their resolution.
- Assists veterinary staff with coordination and treatment routines and medical administration. Helps prepare animals for other medical procedures or surgeries.
- Conducts animal training for animal care and educational purposes through on-going planning, tracking and record keeping.
- Completes keeper reports, maintains animal care records, enrichment records and records of animal usage.
- Helps coordinate the administrative process for the acquisition of animals for the Education Department in conjunction with the Animal Department registrar as needed.
- Tracks supply and equipment needs and orders materials as directed to support inventory needs.
- Assists in the development and implementation of Heritage Farm educational opportunities and seasonal animal demonstrations.
- Maintains cleanliness and upkeep of general Heritage Farm exhibit components. Reports signage/interactives issues to Director of Education.
- Assists in the development and implementation of other educational programs/special presentations involving various designated animals housed in the Education Department as needed.
- Provides training for interns as needed.
- Performs other duties as assigned by the Director of Education.

### **Position Qualifications:**

To perform at a proficient level and be fully qualified, a person would be expected to have:

#### *Education (Minimum Needed):*

- Four-year degree in zoo/animal-related science or two-year degree plus equivalent experience.

#### *Experience (Minimum Needed):*

- One-year animal husbandry, animal handling and animal training experience gained through employment, internships or volunteer work. Experience with domestic farm animals and a wide variety of small exotics preferred.

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- Six months of teaching/public speaking experience to diverse audiences or equivalent experience.

*Special Skills:*

- Well-developed communication skills and outgoing, enthusiastic personality.
- Experience with physical restraint equipment and practices, vehicles and related maintenance equipment; proficiency in use of all cleaning and husbandry equipment and supplies.
- Ability to work as a team member with Zoo Education Dept. staff.
- Working knowledge of personal computers and software applications preferred.

*Physical Demands:*

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand; walk; use hands; reach with hands and arms; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl and talk or hear. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus. Ability to lift at least 75 lbs.

*Other:*

- May be required to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.
- Be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Proof of negative tuberculosis test upon hire.
- TB Test conducted annually.
- Must possess or be able to obtain within 30-days of employment a valid New York State driver’s license and have an average or better driving record based on the evaluation process of our insurance company. Retention of position is contingent upon maintaining required license. Must upgrade to classification appropriate to requirements (non-CDLC or CDL class).

**To Apply:**

Part-time non-exempt hourly position. Rate \$14.33 per hour.

Please download employment application from the website: <https://buffalozoo.org/about/#careers>

Send your completed application and resume by April 30, 2021 to:

Buffalo Zoo, [300 Parkside Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214](#), Attn: Ambassador Animal Care Specialist PT

You can also email your completed and signed application/resume to: [buffalozoojobs@buffalozoo.org](mailto:buffalozoojobs@buffalozoo.org) with the subject line “Ambassador Animal Care Specialist PT”. No phone calls please.

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