

## Animal Care VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION

**Position Title: Volunteer**

**Department: Animal Care**

**Smithsonian affiliated Aquarium of the Bay (non-profit 501c3) inspires climate resilience and ocean conservation, through environmental stewardship to protect and preserve eco-biodiversity from Sierra to the Sea.**

### VOLUNTEER POSITION SUMMARY:

Assist Animal Care staff with the maintenance of both aquatic and terrestrial exhibit animals. Duties include cleaning, health care, animal enrichment, food preparation, feeding, and record-keeping.

### ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Prepare food for the animals
- Clean acrylic, gravel vacuum and other general maintenance as required in exhibit
- Follow equipment disinfection procedures
- Feed animals and enclosures according to protocols, which may include live food sources.
- Maintain situational awareness in exhibits
- Attend all annual recurrent training programs
- Arrive on time for all scheduled shifts
- Adhere to the volunteer program attendance policy
- Promote Aquarium of the Bay's mission

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Be able to commit to at least one shift a week on a standing schedule for at least six months
- Must be able to work with minimum supervision and be comfortable around various animals including reptiles, amphibians, mammals, and fish.
- Must be able to bend, lift to 25 pounds, walk up and down stairs, and be tolerant of a wet work environment.

### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Ability to work as part of a team and effectively collaborate with staff and other volunteers
- Be able to respond to directions in an emergency
- Ability to effectively and properly communicate with volunteers, staff
- Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills