



Marine Mammal Care Center Los Angeles

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"Saving the life of one animal may not change the world, but the world will surely change for that one animal."

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Animal Care Volunteer

The Marine Mammal Care Center Los Angeles (MMCC Los Angeles) is a year-round hospital for seals and sea lions located in San Pedro. The National Marine Fisheries Service depends on MMCC Los Angeles to carry out the important goals of the Marine Mammal Protection Act. MMCC Los Angeles operates with dedicated volunteers and staff working diligently to rehabilitate sick, injured, or malnourished seals and sea lions who are rescued on beaches from north of Zuma all the way to Seal Beach. The vital rehabilitation services and supportive fundraising and education activities can only continue when dedicated volunteers from all over Los Angeles adopt us as a favorite charity and donate their time and skills. MMCC Los Angeles is very grateful to volunteers who generously support our mission in animal husbandry roles, interacting with visitors and tour groups, selling merchandise, working events such as Mobile Visitors Center appearances in the community and Sea Lion Hospital Supply Drives, bringing friends and family to our hospital to view patients and learn about caring for seals and sea lions, and sharing social media and website posts to attract interest from new local residents.

As a non-profit organization, MMCC Los Angeles' primary funding is provided by individuals, charitable foundations, private businesses and corporations. There are various volunteer roles available to support our expanding program to make every resident in Los Angeles aware of our exciting work and encourage people to Buy a Seal a Meal, join as a member at one of our feeding levels, or donate in another way.

Role Description:

The Animal Care Volunteer will assist the husbandry staff with husbandry tasks and patient care. This volunteer reports to the staff shift lead(s) on their scheduled shift as well as the Husbandry Manager. This role is on-site at the hospital in San Pedro. Duties may include:

- Thawing and sorting frozen fish
- Making gruel for patients not eating whole fish
- Washing dishes
- Doing laundry
- Cleaning pen areas
- Assisting in feeding of patients

Commitment:

The Animal Care Volunteer will commit to one shift at the same time each week for at least one year. The shift will be selected during the on-boarding process based on the volunteer's availability and MMCC LA's shift needs. There is a morning and afternoon shift every day. The morning shift runs from approximately 6:00am-12:00pm but will start earlier if required based on patient needs. The afternoon shift runs from approximately 12:00pm-6:00pm but may run later if required for patient needs.

Requirements:

The Animal Care Volunteer must be 18 years or older. They must have reliable transportation to and from the hospital in San Pedro. No previous animal care experience is required. The volunteer should be competent in all of the following areas:

- Time Management
- Collaboration Skills
- Personal Effectiveness/Credibility
- Self Starter
- Flexibility
- Stress Management/Composure
- Communication Proficiency

The selected candidate will participate in a full volunteer on-boarding process including an interview, two part orientation, background check and training.