



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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Seasonal 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 Seasonal Volunteer will assist the husbandry staff with tasks such as cleaning and food preparation through the busy spring season. Seasonal Volunteers are a vital part of our success, as they allow trained animal care volunteers to spend more time providing direct 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:

- Washing dishes
- Thawing and sorting frozen fish
- Making gruel
- Doing laundry
- Assisting in cleaning empty pens and other used areas of the hospital
- Transcribing notes into patient charts

Commitment:

The Seasonal Volunteer will commit to one shift at the same time each week for the full busy season (approximately 12 weeks). The shift will be selected during the on-boarding process based on the volunteer's availability and MMCC LA's shift needs.

There are three shifts each day. The morning shift runs from approximately 7AM to 10AM, the mid-day shift runs from approximately 11AM to 2PM, and the afternoon shift runs from approximately 3PM to 7PM. Exact shift times may vary depending on workload.

Trained Seasonal Volunteers should be prepared to start their weekly shift within one week of notice. Volunteer needs will be determined by patient load, but usually begin in late February or March. The end of the season will also depend on patient load, but lasts approximately 12 weeks.

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 experience is required, but 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

Selected candidates will participate in a full volunteer on-boarding process including an orientation, background check and on-shift training.

Contact:

To apply for this important volunteer role, complete an application online at <http://www.marinemammalcare.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities>. For questions, contact the Volunteer Experience Coordinator at hstambaugh@marinemammalcare.org.