



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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Husbandry Training Program Volunteer Intern

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 Husbandry Training Program offers undergraduate college students, college graduates, veterinary students and other individuals an opportunity to learn how a hospital for seals and sea lions provides medical care, housing and food to seals and sea lions in distress.

Husbandry Training Interns will assist the Husbandry staff in the patient care and husbandry tasks necessary to provide our patients a second chance at life. This volunteer intern reports to the staff shift lead(s) on their scheduled shifts as well as the Husbandry Manager, and will be 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
- Physically restraining patients as needed
- Assisting in the intake exams of new patients

Commitment:

The Husbandry Training Program is a 10 week program, with interns completing approximately 30 hours per week. Interns will work alongside husbandry staff and Animal Care Volunteers on both morning and afternoon shifts. The morning shift runs from approximately 5:00am-1:00pm. The afternoon shift runs from approximately 12:00pm-8:00pm. Exact shift times will vary based on patient load.

Participants will commit to start the 10 week program on a given month between January and May as selected upon acceptance. The final shift schedule will be selected within 6 weeks of the participant's start date. The participants will commit to the same 3 or 4 shifts each week through the completion of the program.

Requirements:

The Husbandry Training Intern must be 18 years or older. This is a non-paid internship, and no compensation will be given to participants. Students may apply for credit hours, but the participant is responsible for completing all necessary paperwork required by his or her school. Participants must have their own housing and accommodations, as well as reliable transportation throughout the internship period. The intern should be competent in all of the following areas:

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

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

Contact:

To apply for this important volunteer role, complete an application online at <https://marinemammalcarecenterlosangeles.com/husbandry-training/>. For questions, contact the Volunteer Experience Coordinator at hstambaugh@marinemammalcare.org.