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Marine Scientist

EXPERIENCE

Sea Dwelling Creatures - Fish Husbandry Team Lead

February 2023 - Present

- -Manages feeding and water quality monitoring protocols to ensure sustainable and efficient operations
- -Develops and implements fish care procedures, including disease management, habitat conditions, and nutrition programs
- -Monitors fish mortality, identifying trends for analysis and reporting
- -Trains and mentors new team members, ensuring adherence to best practices and safety standards
- -Collaborates with other departments to optimize workflow and enhance productivity
- -Directs the resolution of issues related to fish health, implementing preventative measures and corrective actions as needed
- -Assists with company-wide safety protocol development, implementation, and enforcement to ensure a safe work environment

Kansas City Zoo - Animal Care Specialist

May 2021 - February 2023

- -Prepared and fed diets to marine mammals, avians, and fishes
- -Administered medications and assisted with various animal health procedures
- -Observed, logged, and reported issues concerning animal behavior, health, and welfare
- -Performed minor repairs and improvements to animal exhibits
- -Monitored water quality, nutrition programs, and overall health of the fish exhibits as Reef Lead
- -Developed and implemented enrichment activities to encourage natural behaviors and improve animal welfare
- -Improved safe practices zoo-wide by serving on the Safety Committee
- -Analyzed bamboo shark calorie trends to improve nutrition program

References

Kelsey Dougherty - KC Zoo (816) 728-1738 <u>kelseydougherty@fotzkc.org</u> George Duncan - NSU (954) 262-4630 <u>gduncan@nova.edu</u> Stanton, CA 317-405-7531 ashleyknakata@gmail.com

Education

Nova Southeastern University

Marine Biology, M.S.

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 2015-2021

Thesis: Assessment of
Monochloramine Toxicity on
Three Small Coastal Organisms in
South Florida

Ball State University

Aquatic Biology, B.S.

Muncie, IN 2011-2015

SKILLS

Microsoft suite

R Studio

Pipetting

Titration

Chemical handling

Chemical synthesis

Sample collection

Basic life support

Public speaking

Scientific writing

Inventory management

Certifications

Open Water Scuba