Conservation Educator / Zookeeper

WANTED: Experienced animal handler/educator who is looking for an opportunity to work with a wide variety of animals and use their knowledge to promote wildlife conservation through educational programs. Located in Ann Arbor, Michigan, The Creature Conservancy (www.thecreatureconservancy.org) is an active and vibrant non-profit with the goal of “Conservation Through Education.” If you hold a similar belief, answer these questions: Do you enjoy working with exotic animals? Are you an engaging public speaker? Do you like interacting with people of all ages? Do you like to get your hands dirty? Are you someone who jumps into work and gets the job done? Do you want a job that has meaning and purpose?

If you answered “yes” to those questions, consider applying to be a Conservation Educator/Zookeeper at The Creature Conservancy. Your main duties and responsibilities would be:

- Providing daily care for our animals, including (but not limited to) feeding and enrichment
- Conducting informative and engaging presentations to the public to increase awareness and understanding of animals and the importance of conservation
- Interacting with the public during our Open Hours and leading private tours
- Participating in programming, such as summer camps, field trips, virtual and onsite education programs, as well as offsite programs
- Ensuring compliance with relevant regulations
- Maintaining records, inventories, providing other reports, as needed
- Cleaning animal enclosures and other exhibit areas
- Inspecting facilities to ensure the safety and security of the animals’ well-being
- Assisting with the training of new staff
- Other duties, as assigned

Minimum Qualifications

- Bachelor’s degree in zoology, or a closely related field; plus 2-years’ experience in the care of animals in a professional setting;
- OR, Associate’s degree in a related field, plus 4-years’ experience in the care of animals in a professional setting
- Experience handling exotic animals
- Experience in public speaking
- Experience working with children and young adults
- Must be 21 years of age
- Must be able to work weekends, evenings, and holidays
- Able to lift 50-pounds without difficulty
- Must be vaccinated against COVID-19
**Compensation & Benefits**
Full-time; $15-17 per hour (based on experience); paid time off; medical/dental benefits available after 60-days of full-time employment

**How to Apply**
Submit a resume, a cover letter detailing your related experience and interest in the position, and three professional references to:

Jorja Feldman, Registrar
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*Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.*