Position Available (on-going) for New World Primate Caregiver/Office Assistant at Pacific Primate Sanctuary, Maui, Hawaii

This is truly a Sanctuary, a beautiful place for the right person. We would welcome someone with a background and interest in animal husbandry, welfare and conservation, exotic veterinary medicine, biology, and related fields, who is a mature team player with respect for others. We need a good, clear communicator (written and spoken English), and coordinator with a minimal personal agenda, who seeks mutual growth for all and is able to make a long term commitment to the primates and the staff. A one year commitment is requested.

The position requires a self-starter and hard worker, someone who is humble, compassionate, self-reliant, organized, professional, computer literate, open to learning, capable of problem solving and completing a task. We need someone who can function independently as well as in a group. Our Resident Intern would need to be physically fit, with no communicable diseases or criminal record, who has a driver's license and would enjoy a rural lifestyle with simple amenities. Citizens of foreign countries would need to secure their own visas and permits independently.

Responsibilities of an animal caregiver involve: providing daily care, enrichment, and nurturing to 70+/- monkeys, administering medications, preparing food, cleaning enclosures, and maintaining the Sanctuary facility. Office assistance would include: administering the volunteer program (scheduling, processing of applications, advertising), data entry (Mac-Filemaker Pro, Excel, Word), correspondence, record-keeping, fund-raising-grant writing and public relations. After the training period, managerial duties would be added and more technical training may be available. The position requires an average of 40 hours per week, including on-call duties.

Pacific Primate Sanctuary is a nonprofit organization (501(C)(3), run entirely by volunteers. Our staff is made up of 15 volunteer caregivers and a support system of veterinary and other professionals. Since the well-being of the monkeys is our primary focus, they are not on exhibit, the facility is not open to the public and they are not subjected to any medical research.

As a result, our organization is not eligible for funding from any governmental agencies nor do we receive funds from admission, as would a public zoo. Therefore, we must rely solely upon donations from compassionate individuals and organizations. Our operating budget is extremely small. Financial independence for living expenses would be required. If you are considering the possibility of seeking grant support on your own, supplementary funds for needs other than housing could be built into your budget.

We provide a fully furnished and equipped 24-foot Yurt or a 16-foot Yurt (traditional round structures designed specifically for tropical living) and utilities. An organic garden and fruit orchard exist on-site. The Yurt is adjacent to the Sanctuary on a large piece of rainforest property with its own bathroom facilities. You would be trained by experienced members of our staff in all aspects of New World primate care (Callithricidae, Cebus, and Ateles) and have the opportunity to become a primary animal caregiver.
You may begin making application for the position by submitting the following: your Letter of Intent in making application, your Resume/CV, three Letters of Reference (from instructors, employers etc.), a copy of your TB clearance and general physical. We look forward to hearing from you.

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