Title: Animal Care Intern
Category: F/T, Seasonal, paid
Reports To: Lead Keeper
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

General Function
• Responsible for assisting the Animal Care Team by completing tasks, covering educational talks and helping with orphan care. This position is designed for the college student interested in working with wildlife, or for entry-level animal care professionals looking to gain more experience.

Major Activities (Typical Duties/Responsibilities)
• Works days and hours assigned by Lead Keeper; a full 40-hour week over a 5-day stretch (8 hours/day).
• Assist keepers with husbandry tasks (diet prep, cleaning, feeding, watering)
• Handles daily “Keeper Chats” that occur in the summer months
• Acts as liaison with the public by courteously answering questions and enforcing feeding rules for the animals.
• Carries out the responsibilities of the position in a professional and appropriate manner
• Other duties as assigned.

Required Skills/Abilities
• Ability to work in a team environment to help achieve AWCC’s goals and objectives.
• Strong communication skills, both written and oral.
• Must possess a positive and respectful attitude.
• Excellent customer services skills.
• Exceptional work ethic, attention to detail and time management skills.
• Abilities to lift 80#, bend, reach, stand, crawl, and work in a drastically changing weather environment
• Ability to compromise, listen, learn, understand, and follow instructions/directions.
• Ability to work directly with the public, providing information and assistance as needed.

Area Specifics/Housing
• Employee housing is available onsite. Each room offers a bed, linens, towels, and shared bathroom with other seasonal employees.
• Rent for housing is $325/month
• With valid license/driving record; employees have access to AWCC vehicles for grocery trips
• Portage, AK is located 45 miles south of Anchorage; 10 miles south of the local ski-town known as Girdwood. There are beautiful scenic mountains surrounding the AWCC, as well as the ocean, rivers and glaciers.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS (education, experience, skills)
• A High School Diploma
• Some college in related field: Biology, Wildlife/Zoological Sciences
• A positive attitude and strong work ethic.

EMPLOYEE PRINTED NAME: ________________________________

SIGNATURE: ___________________________ DATE: ________________