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

This is truly a Sanctuary, a beautiful place for 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. The Pacific Primate Sanctuary Internship is an in-depth, all encompassing, immersion experience. This is more than a full-time position and includes on-call duties. A one-year commitment is requested.

The residency requires a self-starter and hard worker, someone who is humble, compassionate, self-reliant, organized, professional, computer literate (Mac), 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 would enjoy a rural lifestyle with simple amenities. Citizens of foreign countries must secure their own visas and permits independently.

The internship is organized into three training modules. The first module focuses on animal care giving (providing daily care, preparing food, cleaning enclosures, administering medications, providing enrichment, and nurturing to 45+/- monkeys), an introduction to primate behavior, facility maintenance, and documentation. Documentation responsibilities include: data entry (Mac- Excel, Word, Mail), PPS Manual updates, detailed record-keeping, literature review and research, and providing shift reports utilizing the SOAP format to report on the medical status of each animal. In the second module, the concentration is on emergency care and behavioral conditioning, and the third on colony management, volunteer training, and an Independent project. The Independent Intern Project is an opportunity for advanced study in a chosen area, depending on an Intern’s interests and skills. For those interns wanting to remain at PPS, a fourth module, in sanctuary management, may be offered.

Pacific Primate Sanctuary is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization. Our staff is made up of 3-7 local volunteer caregivers, 1-4 resident Interns, and an off-site support system of veterinary and other professionals. Since the wellbeing 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 personal expenses is required (estimated by interns to be approximately $35-$50 a week).

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 are available 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 (Callitrichidae, Cebus, and Ateles) and may become eligible for certification as a Primary Animal Caregiver.

Please begin making application for the position by submitting the following: your letter of intent in making application, your resume/CV, and three Letters of reference (from instructors, employers etc.). All documents should be sent via email as they become available. The PPS Team looks forward to hearing from you.
Me Ke Aloha No Na Holoholona,
With Love For The Animals,

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