

Senior Animal Care Team Member (Senior Trainer)

FUNCTION	Sea Life Trust
LOCATION	Beluga Whale Sanctuary
REPORTS TO	Beluga Whale Sanctuary Curator
REPORTING TO THIS POSITION	n/a
DEFINITION	Assists the curator in development of training and welfare protocol to ensure sanctuary residents (beluga whales) acclimate and thrive in an open water facility.

Overview

Assists the curator in development of training and welfare protocol to ensure sanctuary residents (beluga whales) acclimate and thrive in an open water facility. Training of specific behaviours for the whales as well as development of team members to work at the highest level of animal welfare and training

Experience Required

- Minimum of five years full-time professional experience in the care of marine mammals. Beluga whale experience preferred
- Experience in a leadership and/or management role with staff and/or volunteers/interns.
- Valid driver's license and clean driving record
- Willingness to work outside normal business hours including weekends and holidays
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills
- Advanced knowledge in working in behavioural training theory and application with a focus on positive reinforcement
- Experience applying a high level of animal welfare including but not exclusively to the development of appropriate enrichment program and implementation
- First Aid certificate

Other Requirements

- Knowledge of the habits and hazards of working with large marine mammals; willingness to work with some physical risk while observing proper safety precautions
- Ability to work on a boat and in open water.
- Open water dive certification or higher.
- Must complete background check, physical examination and open water swim test.

Experience and Qualities Preferred

- Bachelor's degree in zoology, biology or a related field.
- Experience with life support systems including water quality.
- Boat captain license.
- Drysuit/cold water dive experience and certification.
- Rescue dive certification.
- Veterinary technical skills
- Bird rescue and rehabilitation skills

All applicants must ensure they fulfil the requirements to be able to live and work in Iceland

Health and Safety responsibility:

Employees are responsible for the safety of themselves, their colleagues and guests (where appropriate), in line with SEA LIFE Trust Policy and the law. In particular, they must ensure that they follow safe working procedures for all work activities that they undertake and they must not use any tools or equipment for which they have not been trained. Where incidents do occur, they must ensure that they are reported to their line manager and must cooperate with any investigation as appropriate.