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**Job Objective:**

Certified and experienced aquarist with outstanding work ethics seeking a senior position at 'ABC World Aquarium' where I can use my expertise and knowledge in providing ultimate care to marine species.

**Summary of Skills:**

* Ability to monitor water quality, maintain comfortable temperature in the aquarium tanks, and repaire equipment
* Capable of preparing food for different marine species as per the dietary instructions set up by the supervisor
* Hands-on experience in capturing sick animals for veterinary treatment, and quarantining them for medication
* Sound knowledge about conducting guest shows in front of public, and display exhibits to provide education to visitors
* In-depth information about quarantine measures and methods to maintain the right pH levels of water in aquarium tanks
* Capable of doing live feeding to sick marine species
* Excellent physical stamina, and attention to detail

**Work Experience:**

Senior Aquarist

Wildlife World Zoo & Aquarium, Lisle, IL

July 2016 – Present

* Assigning duties to junior aquarists for proper feeding, and maintaining water quality in separate tanks according to the need of species
* Collaborating with US Fisheries to create awareness about endangered aquatic species, and protecting rare animals
* Assisting veterinary specialists in check ups, minor procedures and treatment of white sharks, tiger sharks, jelly fishes, dolphins, and sea horses by restricting their movements during medication
* Performing necropsies, restraints on ailing aquatic animals, amphibians, alligators, crocodiles and administering medicines prescribed by the doctor
* Conducting regular checkups to determine the water pH level, and replacing tank water with fresh water if found improper for the species
* Performing dives into huge aquarium tanks using HOOKAH and SCUBA equipment to clean the habitats
* Training aquatic animals in the aquarium for performances, and organizing weekly shows for school students, children

Aquarist

Sea World Theme Park, Lisle, IL

December 2014 – June 2016

* Observed and maintained dietary requirements for different animals like 7 harbor seals, amphibians, and nurse sharks
* Created special quarantined tanks for sick animals, and administered medication as prescribed by doctors
* Redesigned old tanks in the theme park by adding artificial coral fragments in the tanks to create a more sustainable environment
* Prepared dietary plans for special aquatic animals in the theme park to raise Rockhopper, Little Blue and African Penguins, which increased visitors by 56% over weekends
* Supervised new aquarium staff over the maintenance of fresh water and salt water levels in different aquarium tanks depending on the species
* Maintained aquarium equipment by performing regular checks
* Participated in international seminars and workshops pertaining to care of aquatic animals, and endangered species

**Internship:**

Aquarist

Atlantis Aquarium Center, Lisle, IL

October 2012 – November 2014

* Assessed water quality by understanding ph factor, clarity level, and chemical composition of water in various tanks to determine the condition for marine species
* Monitored ailing and sick fishes, octopus in the center, and reported any abnormal behavior to the supervisor
* Operated and maintained a variety of specialized aquarium equipment to ensure a proper habitat for the center's sea animals
* Initiated educational shows by live performing acts of harbor seals over weekend which increased crowd by 25%
* Assisted veterinary doctors to perform medical examinations of ailing animals like sharks, sea turtles, stingrays, and other aquatic species
* Performed clerical work and updated the aquarium's database by maintaining record of diet, health, habitat for each animal in the center with the help of RFID tags
* Participated in missions that involved rescuing juvenile sharks from pirates and rehabilitating them at the aquarium

**Education:**

* Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology   
  National Louis University, Lisle, IL   
  2012

**Certification:**

* Scuba Diving Certification, 2013   
  Certified in First Aid and CPR, 2014

**Reference:**

On request.