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## Education

Bachelor of Science in Zoology  
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

## Experience

### **ANIMAL CARE ASSOCIATE | DENVER DUMB FRIENDS LEAGUE | FEBRUARY 2019 - CURRENT**

- Provide care for shelter animals including but not limited to dogs, cats, small mammals, birds and reptiles
- Created care and kennel set up manual for small mammals and reptiles
- Mentors and trains new employees on entirety of animal care
- Acts as a holder to assist during euthanasia

### **APPRENTICE ZOOKEEPER | DENVER ZOO | JANUARY 2018 – OCTOBER 2018**

- Selected as the inaugural apprentice from over 200 applicants to rotate among several diverse animal departments with a focus on strengthening operant conditioning and guest engagement skills, for a total of 914 paid hours

#### **BEHAVIORAL HUSBANDRY**

- Trained “wake up and crate” behavior for 1.0 nine-banded armadillo and “bite” behavior for 1.0 North American porcupine
- Assisted with station training 3.3 Geoffrey’s marmosets
- Observed zoo-wide animal training sessions including but not limited to primate injection training, hyena blood draw training, and other medical behaviors
- Uploaded and created zoo-wide cues and criteria forms in Tracks and constructed instructional guides to assist keepers in the use of the module

#### **WILDLIFE SHOW**

- Trained new behaviors and continued maintenance behaviors using operant conditioning with a focus on positive reinforcement
- Lead formal animal demonstrations for audiences of all ages and created a specialized demonstration
- Prepared and transferred animals to the Colorado state capitol to deliver animal presentations to the State’s governmental leadership
- Increased behavioral enrichment for mammals to a daily schedule
- Learned handling along with release and catch protocol for a variety of animals including but not limited to nine-banded armadillo, North American porcupine, Virginia opossum, Patagonian mara, Vietnamese pot-bellied pig, and various parrot and crane species
- Worked in a fast paced, team environment while remaining calm under pressure

#### **ELEPHANTS**

- Observed daily training sessions and medical care for 3.0 Asian elephants
- Provided behavioral enrichment to elephants on an hourly basis and created a novel enrichment item

- Safely shifted code red animals onto and off of rotational exhibits while successfully communicating the location of animals
- Lead elephant demonstrations on microphone in an amphitheater which seats over 600 people
- Safely observed socialization of elephants during introductions and periods of musth

#### **PACHYDERMS**

- Lead area tours and meet and greet opportunities with black rhinoceros and hippopotamus for zoo guests
- Trained maintenance behaviors and answered guest questions regarding animal training
- Safely shifted animals onto and off of exhibits

#### **PREDATOR RIDGE INTERN | DENVER ZOO | OCTOBER 2016 – APRIL 2017**

- Worked safely and closely in a team environment with a range of species including African lions, cheetah, spotted hyenas, and African wild dogs in a rotational exhibit
- Assisted keepers with daily husbandry tasks including cleaning, feeding, enrichment, diet preparation, animal behavior observation, operant conditioning training, supervised shifting, “Tracks” record keeping, and recording and monitoring of animal related issues
- Independently target trained 1.0 African lion using positive reinforcement
- Interacted with zoo guests in formal and informal settings by leading public demonstrations, answering questions, and accurately interpreting animal behavior

#### **HOOFSTOCK INTERN | DENVER ZOO | MAY 2016 – AUGUST 2016**

- Worked safely and closely in a team environment with a range of species including but not limited to reticulated giraffe, lesser kudu, common eland, ostrich, camel, okapi, red kangaroo, bongo, Cape buffalo, gerenuk, maned wolf as well as a variety of bird species
- Assisted keepers with daily husbandry tasks including cleaning, feeding, enrichment, diet preparation, medicating animals, animal behavior observation, vet procedures, hauling hay, and barn maintenance
- Participated in guest engagement by answering questions, identifying individual animals, and accurately interpreting animal behavior during impromptu keeper talks
- Developed Bactrian camel enrichment by adding species appropriate items and providing an “Itchin’ Post Pad” to camels as a novel experience and to assist with shedding
- Assisted with common eland and emu ethogram project including observation and graph creation

### **Volunteer Experience**

#### **EXPLORER POST ADVISOR | DENVER ZOO | OCTOBER 2017 – CURRENT**

- Maintain Explorer attendance, participation point tracking, and monthly activity calendar
- Developed educational materials including animal knowledge exam and information manual

#### **HOOFSTOCK KEEPER ASSISTANT | DENVER ZOO | OCTOBER 2017 – CURRENT**

- Assist keepers with daily husbandry tasks including cleaning, feeding, enrichment, diet preparation, medicating animals, animal behavior observation, hauling hay, and barn maintenance