LOOKING FOR EXPERIENCE WITH EXOTIC ANIMALS???

THE INTERNATIONAL EXOTIC ANIMAL SANCTUARY, INC.

Looking for husbandry experience with exotic animals? The International Exotic Animal Sanctuary, Inc. (IEAS) is a nonprofit tax-exempt corporation home to 38 exotic felines, 31 bears, three coatis, two wolves, a capybara and a lemur. IEAS has become one of the country’s leading facilities for internships working with exotic animals. All of the interns that come to IEAS leave with fundamental knowledge and experience that complements their college education and takes them to the next level in their animal welfare career pursuits. Over 90% of our interns have moved on to other reputable facilities to provide quality care for animals. The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. (AAZK) honored IEAS with the Certificate of Merit for Zookeeper Education (CMZE). The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals, institutions and organizations in the zoological community most actively promoting educational programs for zookeepers. **IEAS is the first Sanctuary of its kind to be certified by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).**

ANIMAL CARE INTERNSHIP

We offer three and six month internships. **Experience includes:** feeding, cleaning, animal health, animal management, behavioral studies, record keeping, assisting in construction and habitat modification and other activities. Interns will also be involved in our Volunteer program and formal/informal presentations. They will gain practical experience working with exotic animals, will be involved with our Educational Program and will be involved in our Emotional and Behavioral Enrichment Programs. For those interested in the six month internship, they will have the opportunity to be trained as a Keeper during the last few months of their internship. Depending upon their performance, they will **earn** the title as Keeper or Assistant Keeper that they can put on their resume. They will also assist staff in training new interns.

Visit our website, [www.bigcat.org](http://www.bigcat.org), for more information about the requirements and deadlines of the Internships. Just look under the “Education” menu. **Housing, vehicles and weekly stipend are available for all internships.**

You can also read testimonials from our past interns and see where they are now! [http://www.bigcat.org/ieas-intern](http://www.bigcat.org/ieas-intern)

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