



Bird-Reptile Department—Marine Aquatic Workgroup

Interns in this area will work closely with keepers to understand husbandry and management of a variety of marine and terrestrial animals. This includes fish, reptiles, invertebrates (terrestrial and aquatic), amphibians and small mammals. An intern with the marine aquatic workgroup will benefit from hands-on training in husbandry, life support systems and other aquatic/terrestrial care.

Through their close work with keepers and their understanding of suggested reading materials, interns receive practical experience in keeper duties and learn many aspects of captive animal management.

Interns are exposed to diet preparation, exhibit maintenance, record-keeping, animal training, life support maintenance and design and animal observations.

As part of their experience, interns are required to do a short research project relating to any aspect of animal husbandry they choose. Suggestions will be given to the intern such as: coral growth, coral fragmentation study, light studies and others.