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## VETERINARIAN - uShaka Sea World

**Education Requirements: Minimum BVSc (DVM), post-grad preferable.**

### Description and Details:

Reporting to the Curator of Animal Health Department, the incumbent will provide veterinary services to marine, aquatic and terrestrial animal species, including fish, dolphins, penguins, reptiles and other animals in the Park. His/her duties will include assisting in a diverse aquarium, quarantine station and a laboratory. He/she will furthermore carry out preventative programmes and perform clinical procedures, diagnostic/therapeutic procedures, and medicine/surgery. He/she will also conduct scientific research in areas which are applicable to improving the health and care of our animals. Other duties include maintaining good animal records.

### The responsibilities will include, *inter alia*:

- Assist with administration, planning and participating in the overall animal health care programme for both the Aquarium and Mammal and Bird Sections.
- Assist with the animal hospital, the quarantine facility and laboratory and ensure that appropriate tools and equipment are maintained in good working order.
- Work together with animal care staff to exchange information concerning care of animals and to ensure appropriate staff training.
- Assist with the effective implementation of the preventive primary health care programme including: procedures for quarantine, parasite control, vaccination programs and periodic reviews of diets and supplements, proactive animal health checks and husbandry techniques.
- Assist with maintaining appropriate medical and animal data records and interpretation.
- Keep abreast of new developments, procedures, and policies in the aquarium field by maintaining good lines of communications with other veterinary professionals.
- Conduct necropsies when necessary and interpret the findings.

### The following will be required of the successful applicant:

- Be in possession of a veterinary degree from an accredited institution. An advantage will be a post-graduate qualification, preferably in a zoo medicine or a related field.
- Must be eligible to work as a veterinarian in South Africa, i.e. registered with the South African Veterinary Council.
- At least five years working experience.
- Good administrative skills including Microsoft Office computer literacy.
- Must have proven and effective verbal and written communication skills.
- Must have sound inter-personal skills, as well as the ability to work effectively with other departments under stressful conditions and be a team player.
- Able to effectively manage personal time and allocate priorities and resources.
- Ability to elaborate Standard Operating Procedures in matters relating to animal health.
- Applicants must have a passion for captive wildlife medicine and husbandry as well as research and conservation.
- Enthusiastic, energetic, level-headed, patient and self-confident.

If you have the correct requirements and would like to apply for this position, please submit your Curriculum Vitae and a covering letter of motivation to the Personnel Officer by either:

- E-mail: [fchetty@saambr.org.za](mailto:fchetty@saambr.org.za)
- Hand Delivery: The South African Association for Marine Biological Research, 1 King Shaka Avenue, Point, Durban

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15 March 2019**

If you have not heard from us by 15 March 2019, please consider your application unsuccessful.

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