



New England Aquarium

New England Aquarium is pleased to announce that we have begun recruitment for our upcoming sea turtle stranding season! Turtle Emergency Response Volunteers are short term volunteers who are trained to assist during the peak of sea turtle stranding season with basic husbandry, cleaning, and record keeping. **You can check out the position description below to learn more about the role.** This is a fun and meaningful way to spend your winter helping an endangered species!

Critical to a heavy turtle year, these positions are considered on-call and episodic. Here are some things you should know about the 2015 TERV Team:

- All volunteers must complete our [2015 TERV application](#) and successfully pass our screening and training programs. Please note this application is different than our classic volunteer corps application and is mandatory
- All volunteers will be asked to complete 6 full day shifts between November 15, 2015 and January 1, 2016. The 2 training days are part of the 6 full days.
- All volunteers must have their own transportation
- We cannot accommodate groups of volunteers at this time

If you are still interested please read the full job description that follows.

Sea Turtle Emergency Response Volunteer Info

Available: Currently recruiting for weekday and weekend openings

Time commitment: 6 shifts (8:00am to 6:00pm) between November 15, 2015 and January 1, 2016. Preference will be given to candidate who will be able to commit to the same day each week.

Department Description: The Marine Animal Rescue Team primarily rehabilitates sick or injured endangered sea turtles, and responds to dolphins, whales, porpoises, and seals in the field. Established in 1968, the Marine Animal Rescue Team has responded to thousands of calls of stranded, injured and diseased marine animals throughout the New England coastal region. Emergency Response Volunteers are needed from mid-November through the end of the year to aid in the Marine Animal Rescue Team's response to the busy New England sea turtle season. During this period, the team will intake and provide critical care for anywhere from 100-700 cold-stunned sea turtles.

Responsibilities: A significant amount of cleaning is required in order to maintain the hospital environment. Additional responsibilities include but are not limited to; preparing animal diets, feeding, restraining animals for treatments and injections, maintaining records including water quality, daily food intake, and swim charts.

Qualifications: Previous animal handling, medical, or emergency response experience is preferred. Must be in good physical condition and able to lift 50 pounds. Must be able to perform significant cleaning tasks daily. Must be able to work independently and as part of a team. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Onboarding & Service Requirements: Due to the unique nature of this particular volunteer position, successful candidates will be asked to complete the following steps:

1. Complete our 2015 Turtle Season Volunteer Application
2. Successfully pass a screening interview with the Office of Volunteer Programs & Internships at the NEAQ main building located at 1 Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110.
3. Attend a 2 hour onsite orientation with the Rescue & Rehabilitation team-Quincy facility.
4. Complete two full day (8:00am to 6:00pm) training sessions-Quincy facility.
5. Commit to at least 4 full volunteer shifts (8:00am to 6:00pm) between November 15, 2015 and January 1, 2016- Quincy facility.

***Note: you must have your own transportation because this program is based at our offsite Animal Care Center in Quincy, MA.**

Still interested in becoming a 2015 Turtle Emergency Response Volunteer?

Please complete the [2015 TERV application](#) and one of our team members will follow up with you soon!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email us at Turtlevol@neaq.org . We look forward to receiving your application!

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