

The Kauai Humane Society, through its Save Our Shearwaters program, seeks 2 seasonal field technicians to assist in a fledgling seabird recovery project. Technicians will pick-up, band, release, and possibly rehabilitate fledgling seabirds on the island of Kauai. The primary species recovered in this project include the Newell's Shearwater, the Hawaiian Petrel, and the Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, all state and federally listed seabirds.

The seabirds noted above suffer from light attraction when fledging out to sea; and a technician's primary duty is to patrol island-wide aid stations provided for the public to drop-off seabirds commonly found grounded between September and December. Other duties include, but will not be limited to the following:

- ◆ assess each pick-up for band and release
- ◆ monitor and record behavioral observations upon release
- ◆ transport compromised seabird to the Kauai Humane Society's recovery room
- ◆ assist in the husbandry of individuals undergoing rehabilitation
- ◆ receive training in fluid therapy and general rehabilitation techniques such as avian gavage
- ◆ speak in public or develop a presentation for outreach
- ◆ assist in other areas of Kauai Humane Society's multi-faceted operations

A typical work week will allow for two days off, not necessarily a Saturday or Sunday. Time frame is September through December. Start and end dates are somewhat flexible. Housing is not provided, and technicians will be responsible for their transportation to and from Kauai, in addition to finding appropriate housing. Field vehicles will be provided.

Required qualifications:

- ◆ valid driver's license
- ◆ good driving record
- ◆ Bachelor's degree (or pursuing) in Wildlife or other related field (potentially one year of comparable experience)
- ◆ proficiency with Microsoft Excel and data entry
- ◆ banding or bird rehabilitation experience desired but not required

Salary: Negotiable

This is a unique way to become familiar with the entire island of Kauai. Participants have an opportunity to handle possibly every species of common-nesting seabirds on Kauai, in addition to migratory species commonly arriving on cruise ships.

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