

The Kauai Humane Society, through its Save Our Shearwaters program, seeks a lead technician to assist in its wild bird response and recovery effort. 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. These seabirds noted above suffer from light attraction when fledging out to sea. The SOS Program seeks to band and release all grounded fledgling seabirds (initially rescued by concerned citizens) and successfully return them to sea with the best possible weight and waterproofing. Heavy fledgling fallout primarily occurs between September and December, but the SOS program responds to fallout from adult seabirds outside of this period. The position focuses on database maintenance and bird rehabilitation from January to July, then turns to seasonal fall-out preparation in August and September and then responds to hundreds of threatened or otherwise federally protected seabirds. The duties of the lead technician may include much of the following, depending on the skill set presented upon hiring:

- ◆ Assist in the operation and maintenance of a seabird triage clinic
- ◆ Assist in the maintenance of both the database and the banding records
- ◆ Assist in an active outreach campaign for Kauai's native avifauna
- ◆ Assist in the development and maintenance of a volunteer base year-round
- ◆ Manage shifts for seasonal staff and volunteers in peak season
- ◆ Pursue funding and/or opportunities to assess the success of SOS and its rehabilitation efforts

A typical work week will consist of 40 hours. Flexibility with the work week and days off is a must. On-call duties and evening/weekend shifts will also be incorporated into this position, in which case field vehicles will be provided for work use and wildlife response. The Lead must be comfortable working with a wide range of programs and personnel housed by the Humane Society. The Lead will be responsible for transportation to Kauai, in addition to finding appropriate housing.

Required qualifications:

- ◆ Bachelor's degree (or pursuing) in Wildlife or other related field
- ◆ Banding and/or bird rehabilitation experience (seabird-specific strongly desired)
- ◆ Clinic experience (designing treatment plans and a familiarity with safety protocols)
- ◆ Proficiency with Microsoft Excel and Access
- ◆ GIS experience desired but not required
- ◆ Knowledge of Hawaii wildlife and natural history desired but not required

SOS will seek applicants with an ability to work independently and trouble-shoot when concerns arise without direct oversight available. The individual will need to consult professionally with the many different agencies overseeing and cooperating with SOS. SOS also hopes to find applicants who have worked with either state or federally listed species.

Start Date: Position is available as soon as Dec 15th, 2010 and will remain open until filled. This is a 6-month full-time position with the possibility of extension.

Salary: Depends on experience.

Please forward resume and 3 references to SOS@kauaihumane.org.

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