

Save Our Shearwaters - Field Technician Position

The Kauai Humane Society, through its Save Our Shearwaters program, seeks 1-2 seasonal field technicians to assist in a fledgling seabird recovery project. Technicians will pick-up, band, release, and help to 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; a technician's primary duty is to patrol island-wide seabird aid stations provided for Kauai's numerous bird rescuers. Duties also include, but will not be limited to the following:

- assess each pick-up for banding and release
- monitor and record behavioral observations upon release
- transport compromised seabirds to the Kauai Humane Society's recovery room
- monitor and record behavioral observations in captivity
- assist in the husbandry of individuals undergoing rehabilitation
- perform general rehabilitation procedures such as avian gavage and other fluid therapy techniques
- speak in public or develop a presentation for outreach
- data entry

A typical work week will consist of 5 days. Work will start in September and may continue through December. Housing is not provided, and the technician will be responsible for his/her 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 (preferably one year of comparable experience)
- bird banding experience
- proficiency with Microsoft Excel and data entry
- experience observing native Hawaiian seabird species or comparable species
- bird rehabilitation experience desired but not required
- experience with Microsoft Access and/or GIS programs desired but not required

Salary: to be determined

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

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Please email CV with cover letter and 3 references before June 24th to SOS@kauaihumane.org.