

# Zoological Operations

## Pinniped Trainer



**Q: Does the job require a degree, certification, or both?**

**A: Bachelor's or Higher in Biology or a related field. Mine is in Marine Science-Biology! However, if you have equivalent relevant experience that may be considered in lieu of a degree.**

**Q: Is there any way to volunteer or shadow with this position?**

**A: Not currently.**

**Q: Are there any internships that help to get this position?**

**A: Yes. Internships involving either animal training or animal husbandry are extremely beneficial in getting this position.**

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Q: What does your average day look like?

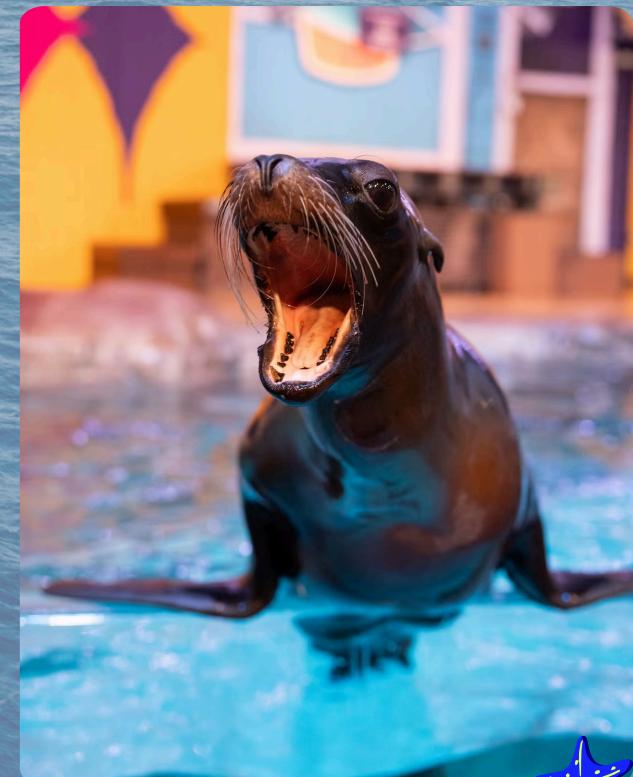
A: A typical day starts with cleaning the animals' habitats and preparing their diets. The remainder of the day is filled with training sessions, including our presentations and encounters, and more cleaning.

Q: What path did you take to get to Georgia Aquarium?

A: One of my first jobs involved caring for horses on farm. From there, I got my degree at the University of Tampa in marine science-biology, and volunteered at an aquarium in their commissary department. After graduating, I worked in education before landing my first animal training position. It was at that job that I fell in love with sea lions and knew I wanted to continue to work with them, which led me to Georgia Aquarium.

Q: What is your favorite part about working at Georgia Aquarium?

A: My favorite part is definitely getting to build relationships with each of our animals and seeing their individual personalities.



*Thank You*