

## **Animal Care Specialist**

Freedom Farms

Creston, CA

### **Job details**

Salary: Based on experience

Job Type

Part-time

In Defense of Animals is seeking an Animal Care Specialist for our new sanctuary, Freedom Farms. We are a beautiful and growing sanctuary located in Creston, California where humans and animals live in harmony. We are looking for an enthusiastic person who is eager to grow personally and professionally together with us! We offer competitive pay, benefits, and opportunities to learn, grow, and advance within the organization!

### **Key Responsibilities include:**

- Daily care for our resident animals
- Knowledge in construction or building maintenance and restoration
- Contributing to ranch marketing efforts with IDA Team to cultivate ongoing interest & events at the facility by supplying photos, video, and written information, and responding to staff questions.
- Assist in training other ranch staff (i.e., ranch hands, volunteers) and train them on animal care protocols and best practices
- Maintain cleanliness, integrity and appearance of ranch property
- Efficiently executes special ranch projects designated by the Leadership Team as needed, working alongside Facilities Coordinator
- Coordinate all aspects of animal care at the sanctuary, including feeding, watering, grooming, health checks, veterinary visits
- Maintain accurate animal records, for example, of intake, diet, veterinary care
- Participate in meetings, as requested
- Develop and implement enrichment programs for animals to enhance their physical and mental well-being
- Ensure the humane, kind treatment and handling of all shelter animals
- Monitor and evaluate the condition of any tools/equipment needed for proper animal care
- Plan and execute maintenance, repair of tools/equipment needed for animal care

- Conduct outreach activities such as tours, events at the Sanctuary
- Educate visitors about farmed animal issues, advocacy, and vegan lifestyle choices
- Other duties as assigned to advance Freedom Farm's goals

**Skills required:**

- Prior experience working with cows, horses, donkeys and other animals at a sanctuary or ranch
- Knowledge of farmed animal behavior, nutrition
- Must be able to lift/push/pull up to 100 pounds
- Commitment to treating our animals with respect and kindness
- Working knowledge of Google suite, including Sheets
- Strong oral and written communications skills
- Must love being active and outdoors and love cows, horses, and other animals
- .Ability to perform basic veterinary procedures such as wound care, vaccination
- Proficiency in operating ranch equipment.

**Skills Preferred:**

- Bachelor's degree in animal science, veterinary medicine or related field preferred
- Familiar with vegan values and lifestyle choices
- Experience managing staff members or volunteers preferred

**Benefits:**

- Compensation: based on experience
- Vacation/sick days
- Other benefits may apply

We are looking for excellence in integrity, honesty and work ethic. The right applicant must have a solutions-based and willing attitude, be flexible and hard-working, have good communication skills and be organized and efficient with their time. Candidates MUST live in or near Creston, CA. There are no on-site living accommodations provided for this role.

[More about Freedom Farms](#)

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