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ANIMAL HANDLER / CARE / CATCHER / DRIVER, LANTA ANIMAL WELFARE

Lanta Animal Welfare (LAW) is looking for a pro-active, social, friendly, reliable and trustworthy person to appoint to the new role of: Animal handler / care / catcher and driver as soon as possible. The job details, while not exhaustive, are outlined below:

- Responsible, along with General Manager (GM) for mapping, collecting and catching both owned and stray animals on the island for sterilisation.
- Humane, compassionate handling, catching and restraint of all animals are of utmost importance. Full training and guidance will be given, but a willingness to learn and an innate compassion for animals is essential.
- Cleaning and maintenance of all catching equipment, including nets, cages and related items.
- Responding to emergency calls and reports of injured animals, providing first aid.
- Background checks and house inspections together with Adoption coordinator.
- Ability to self manage, with a pro-active approach to work is needed.
- Providing basic care e.g. ear/eye/wound cleaning, nail cuts, medical shampooing. Tick, fleas treatments, for stray and "owned".
- Willing and able to do extra jobs as required.
- Maintaining a record of animals around the island and checking, updating and constantly being aware of animal situation on the island.
- Coming on mobile clinics, often for 1 week, assisting with transport, catching animals on location, surgery set up and all related tasks.
- Responsible for safely driving to the mainland when required to take animals to airports, export office, vets etc. Ensuring the welfare of all animals while undertaking long journeys, being able to follow instructions and communicate well with staff at the centre, employees in airports and offices etc. to ensure no mistakes are made. Being flexible with working hours on 'driving days' and understanding that there may be long days with unpaid overtime.
- Cleaning and upkeep of the LAW vehicle, after each working day cleaning out the pick-up, all cages used, and washing the entire car once per week.

In addition to the responsibilities listed above, the person in this role will also be expected to help out with General Volunteer duties, including "sleep-ins" during volunteer shortages.

QUALITIES REQUIRED:

- A very strong understanding of dogs and cats; love and passion for animals and their welfare. Confident dealing with packs of dogs.
- Full driving license, a confident and safe driver
- Good time management.
- Good social and communication skills to deal with pet owners, volunteers and the local community [95% of the community is Muslim].
- Must be hardworking, flexible, committed, able to improvise in difficult or unusual situations and with a positive attitude.
- Physically fit as catching dogs can be very exerting, involving running in the jungle and catching in difficult circumstances. Must be able to lift 50 pounds/ 20kg
- Willing to learn to give injections, treating wounds

DESIRABLE QUALITIES

- Experience in animal behaviour
- Medical experience with animals e.g. vaccinations, wound cleaning
- Previous experience working within animal catching, both with darts and netting.
- Previous experience working in Animal Welfare organisations
- Previous experience working in Asia
- Knowledge of the Thai language and a good understanding of Thai culture

Benefits:

- 3-month trial period
- 12,000 THB/month.
- 1-year minimum contract, of which the first 3 months will be a trial period for both parties.
- There is a 3 month notice period should either party wish to terminate this agreement. This does not include any holidays that are left.
- Free basic fan-room accommodation with Wi-Fi, in a house with shared kitchen & bathroom. If you choose to live off-site this will be at your own expense
- 14 days holiday, per year.
- 1 day off per week, 2 days off every 2nd week.
- Staff price for food and drinks at Time for Lime.

You will be working with:

- 1 General Manager
- 1 Resident vet
- 1 Thai Community Liaison Officer
- 1 Volunteer Coordinator
- 1 Adoption & Marketing Coordinator
- Several volunteers from around the world; vets, vet nurses, and animal lovers

Location:

Koh Lanta in southern Thailand, near Krabi and Phuket is a lovely island that has managed to maintain its own personality and special qualities despite the fact that more and more people have recently discovered the island's attractions. This is a place where you can unwind and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, good (and cheap) food and beautiful beaches. Great scuba diving too! You will work from our Centre at Pra-Ae (Long Beach), a 7 min. walk to the nearest beach.

Many of our dedicated staff and volunteers come back again and again. Our small organization has grown fast and made a huge positive impact both for the animals, but also for the community on the Island. We are No.1 on TripAdvisor under Attractions on Koh Koh Lanta.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested and possess the necessary qualities and experience, kindly send to to: lanta.timeforlime@gmail.com

- A cover letter in English, including when you could start
- A detailed resume (incl. qualifications + work experience)
- At least 2 references with telephone numbers whom we can contact [1 must be your last place of employment]
- Your Skype contact name
- Your Photo
- Application Deadline: Feb. 13th 2015

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