Education Volunteer – Animal Handler

As an education volunteer you can share your love of animals while interacting with guests. Volunteers for this position will be trained to handle and interpret John Ball Zoo’s animal ambassadors to use for informal animal encounters and educational presentations both in the zoo and offsite. Must be a current volunteer having completed a minimum of 40 volunteer hours in the zoo and be in good standing with the volunteer department.

**Shift**
- Flexible

**Commitment**
- Availability to handle animals for encounters/programs for a minimum of 20 hours per calendar year

**Tasks**
- Perform educational presentations with John Ball Zoo’s Animal Ambassador Collection
- Observe and Report unusual incidents and behaviors by guests and/or animals.
- Assist with other tasks as needed in cooperation with keeper and education staff

**Requirements**
- Provide negative TB test performed in the last 12 months before start date
- Must complete Animal Handling Orientation, shadowing opportunities, and Animal Handling training sessions
- Excellent people skills
- Good interpretive skills
- Ability to follow written and oral instructions and fill out paperwork clearly
- Ability to complete tasks with minimal supervision
- Ability to follow protocol and handling techniques as well as cleaning duties on carriers, animals, and after themselves

**Work Environment**
- Must be willing to work in close proximity to a variety of animals