

# Animal Care Apprenticeship



Looking for not just a job, but a career? Take a closer look at becoming a

# Animal Care Specialist

If you are a Californian resident with a disability looking to get into the workforce, now is the time to start a rewarding career as an apprentice Animal Care Specialist!

The Ready, Willing and Able initiative is currently recruiting for high-quality positions as an apprentice Animal Care Specialist in the California area.

Animal Care is one of the most popular careers for animal lovers, in large part because it involves a high level of interaction with animals and has a flexible work schedule. Animal Care Specialists provide care services for a wide variety of animals.

Through combining paid employment with on-the-job training and formal technical instruction, as an apprentice Animal Care Specialist, you will:

- Earn state certification
- Develop practical skills and experience in a real world setting
- Study towards a nationally recognized qualification
- Work and learn alongside individuals passionate about animals

**Pre-Requisites:**

- The course is 4 months
- Hybrid schedule: 1st month online and 3 months in person.
- We encourage individuals with an animal-focused background to apply.
- We collaborate with employers who are open to hiring people with past convictions.

Did you know that upon qualification Animal Care Specialists enjoy a median starting salary of \$42,840? \*

<https://www.ziprecruiter.com/Salaries/Pet-Groomer-Salary--in-California>

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply now please email [recruitment@readywillingable.us](mailto:recruitment@readywillingable.us)  
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## What You Need to Know

An Animal Care Specialist in an apprenticeship program specifically designed for individuals with varying disabilities is someone who utilizes their passion for animals to provide care and support in an animal facility, zoo, or veterinary office. Here are some of the responsibilities they typically have:

### On the job, you will:

- Provide daily care and monitoring of animals, ensuring they have appropriate food, water, and shelter.
- Assist in the treatment of sick or injured animals under the supervision of a professional, offering compassionate care and maintaining detailed health records.
- Help design and maintain safe, enriching environments for different animal species to promote their well-being and natural behaviors.
- Engage with the public during educational programs and tours, explaining animal behaviors, dietary needs, and conservation efforts.

## What Do You Need To Succeed In This Role?

### Key Attributes

#### This job will suit individuals who possess

- A keen interest in animal behavior and welfare.
- Strong observational skills to notice changes in animal behavior or health.
- Patience and dedication.
- An ability to work effectively as part of a team, particularly in environments where animals' needs can change rapidly.

### Abilities

#### Physical

- Move and handle various animals and supplies.
- Maintain physical activity for extended periods.

#### Communication

- Communicate effectively with coworkers and supervisors about the condition and treatment of animals.
- Understand written and verbal instructions, and convey information clearly to others.

### Skills

#### Basic Skills

- Following routines and schedules, keeping accurate records.
- Observing and reporting on animal behavior and health.

#### Social

- Demonstrating empathy and sensitivity towards both animals and colleagues.
- Working cooperatively in diverse teams.

#### Adaptive

- Adjusting approaches to meet the needs of different animals and changing situations.
- Problem-solving to address immediate animal care challenges.

**This role offers a unique opportunity to nurture a deep connection with animals while contributing to their health and happiness.**

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