

Environmental Protection Advisory Committee

Applicant Package - Citizen at Large

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Term 01 Jul 2024 - 30 Jun 2026

Positions Available 1

Number of applicants in this package 1

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Board Name: Environmental Protection Advisory Committee

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Please list any civic and professional accomplishments/honors, training or experience related to this appointment::

I have a bachelors degree in Biology with a concentration in organismal and ecological studies. During my time in undergrad, I was involved in a number of classes that taught me about the importance of our environment. I was also a member of the wildlife club, where I eventually became both the vice president and the treasurer. I also conducted several research projects on gopher tortoises and black skimmers. I am currently in grad school studying Wildlife Conservation. I have I have traveled the world in an effort to protect wildlife that lives on planet. I have done a study abroad to Alith Africa (the purpose of which was anti poaching and wildlife conservation). I have also done an eight week internship at a wildlife sanctuary in Thailand. I have also worked at various primate sanctuary's throughout Florida and South Carolina. During these travels I have been fortunate to meet and work with renowned conservationisnts/animal behaviorists Ian Redmond, Dr. Debbie Misotti, Dr. Sian Evans, and Dr./Dam Jane Goodall. Currently I am a rescue and behavior coordinator for the Alachua county animal resources.

Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments:

First board appiontment

What Contributions do you feel you could make if you were selected to this board?:

I bring a very unique set of knowledge when it comes to environmental protection. I feel that my unique experiences, especially my world travels, can bring a unique point of view when it comes to environmental protection. I have taken specifics classes in college (both graduate and undergraduate) dedicated to to environmental protections and welfare. I have managed the wildlife club in college as both the vice President and treasurer and helped facilitate guest speakers and meetings.

Please Agree with the following statements:

I understand this application is the property of Alachua County and subject to public records laws. I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct. I understand that Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Guidelines for Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees". I understand that some boards and committees require Financial Disclosure (Chapter 112, Florida Statutes) and I am willing to file if required. I affirm that my personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations?:

Yes

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Attachments

- Resume BJ.pdf

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Professional Experience

Rescue & Behavior Coordinator | Alachua County Animal Resources | April 2024- Present

- Behavior Analysis
- Communicate with non-profit rescues
- Enrichment scheduling
- Adopter interaction
- Make behavior notes using PetPoint
- Adopter Interactions

Veterinarian Technician | UF Small Animal Hospital | July 2023 - Present

- Catheter Placement/ Intubating
- Procedure Assistance/ Vitals
- Cage Maintenance
- Maintain Anesthesia Equipment
- Place Inventory Orders/ Budgeting
- Transport Patients/ Aseptic Preparation of Patients
- Schedule Clients/ Client Interaction/ Client Education
- Animal Behavior Analysis

Veterinarian Assistant | UF Small Animal Hospital | July 2022 - April 2023

- Procedure Assistance/ Vitals
- Cage Maintenance
- Maintain Anesthesia Equipment
- Place Inventory Orders/ Budgeting
- Transport Patients
- Kennel Sanitation

Squirrel Monkey Team Lead | Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary | Jan. 2022 - July 2023

- Primate Care/ Enrichment
- Maintenance of Outside Cages and Night Houses
- Hand Tool and Power Tool Use/ Maintenance
- Manage Volunteers/ Team
- Conduct Tours/Education
- Facilities Maintenance

Kennel Keeper/Dog Trainer | Sit Means Sit | Oct. 2020 - May 2021

- Behavior Analysis

- Kennel Sanitation
- Behavior Modification (Aggression, Guarding, & Reactivity)
- Obedience Training
- Food/ Water/ Medication distribution
- Bathing
- Client Education

Education

M.S. in Wildlife Forensic Sciences & Conservation | University of Florida | Aug. 2023-Present

B.S. in Biology | Florida Gulf Coast University | Aug. 2015 - May 2019

Key Skills

- Animal Behavior
- Lab Protocol
- Medical Sterilization and Familiarity of Lab Equipment
- Teamwork/ Communication
- Hand Tool Use and Maintenance
- Customer Service
- Teaching/ Supervision
- Computer Skills/ Microsoft Proficiency
- Policy Development
- Autonomy
- Punctual/ Dependable
- Catheter Placement
- Intubation/Extubation
- Blood Draw
- Preventative Care
- Anesthesia Monitoring
- Scheduling
- Familiarity with Controlled Dug Protocols

Other Affiliations

- Habitat for Humanity (2015-2019)
- FGCU Wildlife Club (2016-2019)
- International Primate Protection League (2019-2020)
- S.W. Florida Audubon Society (2017-2019)
- Native Plant Society of S.W. Florida (2017)
- Talkin' Monkey's Project (2017- Present)
- Wildlife Friends Foundation Thailand (2019)
- Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary (2022)