

# KARINA ALTMAN

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## Education

B. S. Marine Biology

December 2013

Texas A&M University at Galveston

## Employment and Experience

### **Answers in Genesis Ararat Ridge Zoo and Eden Animal Experience: Animal Presenter**

*Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY/ Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY; May 2015 – present*

- Supervises the care of the animal ambassador collection at both Answers in Genesis attractions, which includes exotic mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates
- Supervises and trains all zoo staff on the animal ambassador team
- Trains animals for programs using operant conditioning with positive reinforcement
- Creates and presents multiple daily zoo animal microphone presentations
- Conducts animal encounters, VIP tours, and community outreach events
- Teaches a variety of zoology-related workshops for children and their parents
- Writes the majority of zoo documents, such as fact sheets, signs, and show scripts
- Acts as an official speaker for the ministry by presenting formal hour-long lectures
- Writes and reviews animal-related articles for the award-winning *Answers* magazine
- Responsible for all official social media and website content for both zoos

### **Mystic Aquarium: California Sea Lion Intern and Beluga Husbandry Volunteer**

*Mystic, CT; September 2014 – May 2015*

- Participated in daily California sea lion and beluga care, husbandry, and enrichment
- Maintained behaviors in free and protected contact sessions with sea lions and belugas
- Contributed to ongoing research project concerning the extinction of stereotypic behavior

### **Oregon Coast Aquarium: Marine Mammal Intern**

*Newport, OR; May – September 2014*

- Completed routine tasks of sea lion, seal, and sea otter care, husbandry, and enrichment
- Maintained behaviors in one-on-one free contact sessions with seals
- Gave multiple daily pinniped and sea otter microphone presentations

### **Clearwater Marine Aquarium: Marine Mammal Training Intern**

*Clearwater, FL; May – August 2013*

- Participated in dolphin, river otter, and pelican daily care and enrichment
- Aided in dolphin husbandry procedures, training, and free feeding
- Gave multiple daily microphone presentations, interaction programs, and VIP tours

### **SeaWorld San Antonio: Educator**

*San Antonio, TX; summer 2011; summer 2012; spring 2014*

- Educated the public about marine life through multiple daily microphone presentations
- Conducted animal presentations, interaction programs, and behind the scenes VIP tours
- Supported Animal Care departments with animal care tasks when needed