

# Critter Handler Job Description

## Paid Part-Time Staff

### Summary

In accordance with the Visit Anchorage mission, the Critter Handler position works under the direct supervision of the Visitor Service Manager to guide and ensure the safety of performers wearing Visit Anchorage critter costumes at special events or functions. The five Visit Anchorage critters costumes are a bald eagle, beaver, bear and Dall sheep. Seymour of Anchorage, a moose, is Visit Anchorage's mascot and symbol of hospitality.

### Essential Duties and Responsibilities

1. Critter Handlers must be punctual, reliable and appear at assigned events at specified times and locations as agreed upon in advance with Visit Anchorage.
2. Critter Handlers must wear appropriate clothing and comfortable shoes.
3. Critter Handlers will be expected to adhere to Visit Anchorage guidelines for critter behavior at all times.
4. Critter Handlers will assist performers in putting on critter costumes, and will ensure that costumes are properly fastened with no straps, safety pins or other unsightly items connected to costumes visible.
5. Critter Handlers will guide costumed performers while moving, and will stay with their assigned critter(s). Handlers may need to physically guide Critter Performers through crowds and around hazards. Handlers watch for traffic, curbs, and other hazards to Critter Performers' safety.
6. Critter Handlers will assist Performers in removing the head from their costume only when out of sight of the public.
7. Critter Handlers will frequently be required to stand in place and walk through crowded areas.

### Qualifications/Skills

1. Exhibit pleasant, friendly attitude and manner with the public.
2. Be comfortable moving through and interacting with crowds.

### Work Environment

1. Performances can take place at indoor or outdoor events and in varying temperatures. Handlers should dress as appropriate for the location and conditions, or as specifically requested.
2. Water breaks will be provided as needed.