



Disney's Animals, Science and Environment Cast Bios

Animal Health Team/Veterinarian

Dr. Natalie

Veterinarian

Disney's Animals, Science and Environment



Dr. Natalie is a veterinarian who has worked with Disney's Animals, Science and Environment for more than ten years. She has extensive education and training in working with terrestrial and aquatic animals and is able to care for more than 5,000 animals at the Walt Disney World Resort. Just like her teammates, she takes great pride in helping maintain the highest quality of health for the animals that call our parks and resorts home.

Dr. Dan

Veterinarian

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Dr. Dan has been working with Disney's Animals, Science and Environment for the past four years as a veterinarian and finds the unique variety in his day-to-day what he enjoys most in his career. He enjoys the opportunity he has through his role to treat individual animals while impacting the conservation of the species as a whole. His passion is hoof care, which you'll see in "Magic of Disney's Animal Kingdom" as he works with Animal Keepers to perform a procedure on Kenya, a Masai giraffe.

Dr. Deidre

Veterinarian

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Dr. Deidre just recently celebrated a milestone anniversary with The Walt Disney Company where she has been a veterinarian caring for more than 300 species over the past 20 years. Dr. Deidre is passionate about the work she does and enjoys leading the team of veterinarians who continually look for innovative ways to care for animals. Her favorite part of her role is being able to help animals and inspire Guests to take action that will benefit conservation efforts around the world.

Dr. Geoff

Veterinarian

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Dr. Geoff serves Disney's Animals, Science, and Environment as the Animal Health Director and the Chair of Disney's Animal Care and Welfare Committee. He joined the team in 2014 and leads the animal health and animal nutrition teams at Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park, The Seas with Nemo & Friends at EPCOT, the Tri-Circle D Ranch, Castaway Cay and the Aulani Resort. Dr. Geoff is proud to lead this team who's making a difference for animals in our care through a robust animal welfare program.

Animal Husbandry/Animal Manager

Rachel

Animal Manager

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Rachel is a 22-year Cast Member at the Walt Disney World Resort where she primarily leads the team responsible for the daily care and welfare of our primates, specifically our gorilla family and bachelor troops. And while we won't tell the others in the troop, Rachel has a soft spot for Gino, our 39-year old male in the family troop. Rachel's passion for caring for animals has given her the opportunity to share her knowledge with in situ facilities for conservation purposes, most notable being the Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education (GRACE) center in the Democratic Republic of the Congo that she has been a part of since its inception.

Missy

Animal Manager

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Missy has been with Disney's Animals, Science and Environment for more than four years, but has a long history in the zoo and aquarium industry. She uniquely obtained her schooling through a teaching zoo where she had many opportunities to learn about lots of animals. Her passion is connecting people with animals and providing that moment that can spark their desire to do more to protect animals and their habitats.

Meaghan

Animal Manager

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Meaghan has spent the past nine years working with Disney's Animals, Science and Environment. While Meaghan cares for the animals who call our park home, she also enjoys helping people make a connection with an animal that will ultimately encourage them to take actions to protect them in the wild. Meaghan has spent time supporting conservation efforts with Grevy's Zebra Trust and the Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leaders fellowship.

Animal Husbandry/Animal Keeper

Rory

Animal Keeper

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Rory has been with Disney's Animals, Science and Environment for nearly five years. As an Animal Keeper on the Savanna team, he's responsible for caring for many of the animals Guests can see on Kilimanjaro Safaris, such as giraffe, zebra, eland, flamingos, wildebeest and springbok. Rory is passionate about being an advocate for the animals in Disney's care and enjoys the team dynamic at Walt Disney World, which allows animal care experts to work together to provide the highest level of care for each individual animal.

Courtney

Animal Keeper

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Courtney works primarily with our gorilla troops. She has worked in the zoological field since 2015 and finds that the most rewarding part of her job is the ability to build relationships with the animals. Training is Courtney's passion and she values how training can help animals participate in their own care. She enjoys telling Guests about our gorillas, especially Grace, who was named after the Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education (GRACE) center in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Jessica

Animal Keeper

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Jess started with The Walt Disney Company as a participant in the Walt Disney World College Program at Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park. While on the program, she was inspired by what she learned and the people she met to pursue a career in the animal industry. She started her Disney's Animals, Science and Environment journey more than four years ago as a Conservation Education Instructor at The Seas with Nemo & Friends at EPCOT. Since then she has held many Education roles and has now found herself on the animal care side with some of the largest animals in our care. She enjoys caring for rhinos and has a passion to help people fall in love with animals.

Nicole

Animal Keeper

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Nicole studied Education in college and then realized as she was working at her first zoo job that her true passion was in caring for the animals. She has spent the past five years with the animals who call Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park home and enjoys building relationships with the animals that ultimately help the team provide the best possible care. She has a passion for hyenas and painted dogs and has spent time in Zimbabwe supporting Painted Dog Conservation and Painted Dog Research Trust.

Marcus

Animal Keeper

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Marcus has close to ten years of experience with Disney's Animals, Science and Environment. Growing up in Miami, Florida, Marcus often lived in areas adjacent to the Everglades. From a young age, he gained an appreciation and passion for reptiles. Honing his passion into caring for reptiles as a career has been a dream come true for him. He enjoys being able to successfully train some of the world's most dangerous animals and sharing their conservation stories with Guests.

Patricia

Animal Keeper

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Patricia knew she wanted to work at Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park the minute she heard they were opening. She joined the team in 1998 as a part of the Conservation Station team at Rafiki's Planet Watch. Since her time at the park, Patricia has become passionate about the care we provide our vultures and she even met her spouse as they trained vultures together. She is inspired by the opportunity to share with our Guests the difference they can make for all wildlife through their individual actions.

Animal Husbandry/Aquarist - The Seas with Nemo & Friends

Amanda

Aquarist

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Amanda has been with Disney's Animals, Science and Environment for the past seven years and has found her true calling. She loves animals and enjoys anything water-related so combining the two as an Aquarist is the perfect fit. Amanda is inspired by knowing that her quality of work means the animal's quality of care and she's dedicated to giving her best for them every day.