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Team Member of the Month



ASHLEY KNIGHT
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Meet Ashley,

Ashley has been an Invertebrate Keeper on the Entomology Team for a year and a half, and she manages the stick insects, millipedes, isopods, hermit crabs, and scorpions. As their point keeper, she ensures that the team is consistent in their care best practices, she researches and trials ways to address challenges, and she plans enrichment for them so they can engage in as many natural behavior opportunities as we can provide in a captive setting. She pays such close attention to her bugs that she's developed an understanding of many of their personalities – their favorite foods, their favorite spots to shelter in their enclosures, and what kind of activities they do most often. Did you know that the giant African millipedes like to take dogfood from their food dish and eat it in a sheltered spot somewhere else? Ashley does. That kind of attention helps us make informed decisions about our care practices and evaluate if we're successful.

Ashley's a wonderful team mate! Her calm, can-do presence helps everyone feel like things are under control even on hectic days. She keeps tabs on the work flow and how the other keepers are feeling in the lab, and she often steps in to support them without being asked. She likes to keep the team's morale high by curating playlists and asking fun questions on the whiteboard.

In her personal life, Ashley loves reading fantasy novels, and she enjoys attending events where she can dress up, especially in costume! She manages a small business where she crafts cute jewelry, often using butterflies and molts from our lab. She's a proud auntie to a nephew and soon-to-arrive niece.

Thank you!

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