



Experienced Animal Keeper Vacancy

The Zoological Society of Hertfordshire (ZSH) (registered charity no.1108609) currently has a vacancy for an Experienced Zookeeper to join our diverse and skilled team here at Paradise Wildlife Park, with the opportunity of working with a wide range of taxa.

Our zookeepers are involved in a full range of husbandry duties including enclosure maintenance, food provision, husbandry training and enrichment programmes over the five sections of the zoo (Paddocks, Primates & Small Mammals, Birds, Reptiles & Large Carnivores). The successful applicant will have at least two years' experience working within a zoo environment. This position has future scope for the Keeper to focus on certain taxa, dependant on their prior experience and future focus.

All our Keepers deliver interactive conservation education across multiple sections of the Zoo and the successful applicant will be actively involved in delivering a range of experiences and keeper talks.

Paradise Wildlife Park also has a team of Volunteers that the applicant will work alongside and supervise, so we are looking for someone who is very personable and able to communicate well with both visitors and staff, as well as being self-motivated, enthusiastic and a good team player.

Job Details:

- Full time; Permanent position
- Reports to; Section Leaders & Animal Park Managers
- Hours: Summer 0800-17.00, Winter 08.000-16.30; includes weekend and bank holiday work; flexibility is a necessity for this role

Primary Duties and Responsibilities include:

- Carrying out and enforcing high standards of welfare and animal husbandry routines (e.g. food prep, feeding, cleaning, enrichment provision) as set by Section Leaders on sections allocated to
- Undertaking and recording accurate animal observations
- Delivering high standards of visitor interaction in the form of Keeper Talks, Encounters, Experiences, Tours and Education Events
- Overseeing work experience students and volunteers/volunteer interns
- Assisting in general duties and requirements, as directed by Senior Management
- Other duties to support the effective & efficient running of the site (may include acting as Fire Marshall, First Aider, Company vehicle driver and other roles, although full training will be given)

Requirements:

- Minimum 2 years' full-time experience in a zoological collection, including experience with Category 1 Species
- An Animal Management related qualification (preferably Level 3 or above)
- Excellent communication skills (both 1-2-1 and for public speaking)
- Adaptable for a flexible rota
- Physically fit for the demands of this role
- Full UK driving licence and access to own vehicle as the site is not accessible by public transport
- In line with the requirements of the Asylum & Immigration Act 1996, all applicants must either be eligible to live and work in the UK or must obtain permits to work in the UK prior to application. Documented evidence of eligibility will be required from candidates as part of the recruitment process.

If you would like the opportunity to join our expanding and proactive team, please send your CV and cover letter to hr@pwpark.com stating "Experienced Animal Keeper" as the subject.

Please note that we will be reviewing applications and potentially conducting interviews throughout the advertising period for this position - this vacancy will close once a suitable candidate has been selected, so please send applications as soon as possible.