



Lower Vertebrates & Invertebrates (LVI) Keeper Vacancy

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

Our zookeepers are involved in a full range of husbandry duties including enclosure maintenance, food provision, husbandry training and enrichment programmes. The successful applicant must have previous experience employed within a zoo environment working with relevant species.

The LVI section is currently responsible for a variety of reptile and invertebrate species, ranging from small lizards (such as Chinese Crocodile Lizards), reared-fanged venomous snakes, crocodilian, chelonians, and large snakes (such as Green Anacondas and Reticulated Pythons). The LVI Keeper will be responsible for all aspects of husbandry to meet a range of specialist nutritional and environmental needs, including managing one of the best large snake exhibits in the country. They will also be actively involved in the delivery of interactive conservation education across the animal park.

The LVI section at Paradise Wildlife Park also has a team of Cover Keepers and Volunteers that the applicant will work with, 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 on a rotated basis (with 1 in 3 weekends off); 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)
- 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:

- An animal science related qualification
- Minimum 2 years' experience in a zoological collection (previous LVI experience essential – large snake & venomous snake management desirable)
- Excellent communication skills
- Excellent proven record keeping skills
- 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 "LVI 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.