

Role Description

In a Nutshell

Volunteering on the daily husbandry routines of the animal collection under the direction of the Keepers, Senior Keepers, Head Keeper and Curator. You will assist the keepers with all their daily duties, working with a wide range of mammal and bird species.

You will be involved in

- Preparing and distributing food and water to the animals, following prescribed diets
- Maintaining high standards of cleanliness in all animal enclosures, public viewing and off-view areas
- Monitoring the animals carefully for any behavioral, reproductive or medical problems
- Providing enrichment specific to the species requirements to fulfill their natural behaviours
- Basic DIY, small fixes and repairs
- Assisting with the capture and restraint of animals when needed, whilst minimising the stress on the animal
- Adhering to all prescribed safety and emergency procedures to ensure the safety of animals, staff and the visiting public

The Perfect Fit

We'd expect you to

- be enthusiastic and hardworking
- ideally have a level 2 or above animal care qualification (or be in the process of completing a 'sandwich' degree)
- be able to work in extreme outdoor weather conditions
- be physically fit due to the nature of the role
- have good verbal and written communication skills
- be a good listener and keen to acquire knowledge
- be able to work within a department team, both as a team player and using one's own initiative
- be comfortable speaking to, and interacting with our guests
- ideally have a driving license and your own vehicle, due to the isolated location

The minimum age for the role is 18 years

The Experience

What you can expect from us

- Hands-on animal husbandry experience and a chance to learn to complete certain tasks independently
- Training on all aspects of animal husbandry including: safe animal handling and restraint, foot care, nutrition, enrichment, record keeping – including the use of ZIMS. There will also be the opportunity to observe veterinary procedures.
- Complimentary lunch and drink, as well as other discounts
- A full reference
- Help and support as you seek to find employment elsewhere at the end of your placement