



**Job title:** Animal Keeper – Large Cats

**Location:** Blair Drummond Safari & Adventure Park, FK9 4UR

**Salary:** From £20,500 p.a.

**Benefits:** Company Pension, Life Insurance, Staff Family Passes, EAP, 20% Staff discount in Park, free parking, uniform.

**Working hours:** 40 hours per week (10 days in 14)

### The Company

Blair Drummond Safari and Adventure Park was opened to the public in 1970 and was, at the time, one of Britain's first safari parks. We are now one of the most popular visitor attractions in Scotland. The Park has a strong focus on conservation, education and the local community. We also run a successful fundraising program for conservation "link to the wild".

We are currently looking for an experienced and confident animal keeper to join our team working predominately with our Large Cats. This position is offered on a full time, permanent basis.

### The Role

This is an exciting opportunity working as part of a small team with primary responsibility for the management and welfare of our African Lions and Amur Tigers.

The position involves husbandry tasks, such as feeding, cleaning, health monitoring and some enclosure maintenance, including the development of enrichment, all delivered to a high standard. The primary responsibility of the successful candidate will be monitoring our African Lion pride in the reserve in a patrol vehicle to maintain the lions and visitor's safety. In addition, the successful candidate will support tiger management.

### Applicant Requirements

This person must be a pro-active individual that will take a hands-on approach within the department with an eye for detail and presentation.

The candidate must have an interest and some knowledge of large carnivore species and previous work experience of working with large cats.

Experience in operant conditioning training is essential.

The successful candidate will be able to work well as part of a team, have the ability to use their initiative, display an interest in and commitment to animal welfare, environmental enrichment and conservation,

Weekend, bank holiday working and flexibility in working hours is essential to this role. Some evening work will be required during special events throughout the year.

Ensuring the safety of our visitors, staff and animals is of key importance and ensuring that health & safety protocols are followed at all times.

#### Applicant Essentials

- Experience of working with similar species. Minimum 2 + years.
- Good observation and communication skills.
- Self-motivated and enthusiastic
- High understanding of following safe working protocols.
- A current full driving licence.
- Animal related qualification to HND level or above.
- The zoo animal management qualification (DMZAA) is desirable but not essential for this position.
- Firearms Licence and Shotgun Certificate Holder or have sufficient weapons training and credentials to enable the successful granting of, or variations to, a licence.

#### To apply

Email [recruitment@blairdrummond.com](mailto:recruitment@blairdrummond.com) with a short covering letter and CV before 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Please use 'Animal Keeper – Cats' in the subject line of your email so that your application can be identified.