



Job title: Animal Keeper – Large Mammals

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 with our Large Mammals. 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 Savannah Elephant, Southern White Rhinos, Giraffes, Zebra and Ostrich.

Your duties will include, although not limited to:

- Mucking out of enclosures and animal buildings – maintaining all areas to a high standard, having an eye for detail, and taking pride in the department's appearance
- Preparation and distribution of feeds and enrichment
- Health and behaviour monitoring
- Assisting with the department's programme of enrichment
- Identifying potential routine/behaviour problems as and when they occur, working closely with colleagues to implement solutions
- Protected Contact training. Using positive reinforcement training to gain access to animals for blood draws, foot work, treatment of injuries, etc.

Applicant Requirements

The successful candidate must be able to deliver an excellent level of animal husbandry and welfare for the animals on the department. They must have keen observation skills and be focused on making a positive contribution to the department as a whole. It's essential that they are self-motivated and capable of independent work, while at the same time be comfortable working within a team in a supportive and positive manner.

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.

Essential requirements

- Animal care experience – minimum 2 years
- Demonstrable experience of providing species appropriate environments and enrichment
- Demonstrable operant conditioning experience
- Physically fit and hardworking
- Excellent observational skills
- Self-motivated and pro-active
- Demonstrable experience of following safe working protocols
- A current full driving licence

Desirable requirements

- Experience of working with Large Mammal species
- Animal related qualification to HND level or above.
- The zoo animal management qualification (DMZAA)
- Demonstrable experience of implementing training programmes, with emphasis on dealing with stereotypic behaviours
- Chainsaw licence

To apply

Email recruitment@blairdrummond.com with a short covering letter and CV before 13th May 2022

Please use 'Animal Keeper – Large Mammals' in the subject line of your email so that your application can be identified.