



Greater Vancouver Zoo – Animal Care Department

JOB POSTING

Assistant Animal Keeper

Full-time (Contract) – Conservation Programs

Requirements

- Be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of employment
- Have been registered as a full-time student in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- Be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations
- Currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution and planning to return to school in the fall.
- Current experience and knowledge of natural history, principles of animal behavior, nutrition and general animal husbandry required.
- Must demonstrate good time management skills, including flexibility, creativity, and responsibility in use of time.
- Experience with multiple taxonomic groups (e.g., carnivores, birds, hoof stock, reptiles) preferred.

Description

Perform daily duties as assigned:

- a.) Assisting animal keeper and wildlife biologist with the day-to-day husbandry, educational programming, field research and data collection pertaining to the in-situ conservation programs of local native, endangered wildlife.
- b.) Maintain high standards of maintenance and care for the animal collection.



- c.) Adhere to all health and safety regulations, legislation and policies.
- d.) Observe condition of assigned area(s), animal enclosures, and equipment and report relevant information as appropriate.
- e.) Clean animal enclosures, pools, and service areas as assigned.
- f.) Communicate with and assist guests. Participate in public demonstrations. Take initiative to facilitate guests' appreciation of animals and enjoyment of their visit.
- g.) Train and direct work of volunteers.

This is a contract position. Schedule will vary. Must be willing to work weekends and holidays, and have the ability to lift up to 75 lbs.

Start Date: May 5, 2017

Starting Wage: \$10.85

Submit all applications to:

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