

Assistant Animal Keeper



The Government of Canada funded this job through the Canada Summer Jobs program. [Learn more about the program.](#)

To apply for this job, you must:

- Be aged between 15 and 30 years old on the start date of the job;
- Have a valid Social Insurance Number (SIN); and
- Be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident of Canada, or a person who has been granted refugee status in Canada.

International students and other temporary residents of Canada are not eligible.

As an equal opportunity employer, we are committed to providing:

- Opportunities for youth that are underrepresented in the labour market
- Opportunities for youth in rural areas, remote communities, and official language minority communities
- Opportunities for youth with disabilities or with organizations that provide services to persons with disabilities

Employment Period: 8-week position must be completed between April 21, 2025 – August 30, 2025.

Hours per week: 35 hours

Remuneration: \$19.00/hr

Positions Available: 3

Position Requirements:

The Assistant Animal Keeper is responsible for assisting the Animal Keeper in the day-to-day husbandry of the animal collection and issues pertaining to wildlife in their assigned section; maintaining the quality standards of accredited zoological practices. The Assistant Animal Keeper will assist the animal keeper in maintaining high standards of maintenance and care for a diverse collection of animals. Responsibilities include assisting with animal husbandry and welfare, exhibit maintenance, guest services, diet preparation, enrichment, record keeping and related duties as required. The Assistant Animal Keeper may be required to work with or within other departments. The Assistant Animal Keeper will adhere to all health and safety regulations, legislation and policies as reviewed during the orientation period and as directed by GVZoo staff.

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Key Responsibilities to assist with:

- Prepare and distribute food as directed, observe assigned animals closely, routinely, and objectively report to manager on their behaviour, health, and welfare.
- Maintain and utilize records and follow established routines and procedures.
- Observe condition of assigned area(s), animal enclosures, and equipment and report relevant information as appropriate. Inspect assigned enclosures for any hazards to animals, keepers and public.
- Clean animal enclosures, pools, and service areas as assigned. Ensure animals have access to clean potable water.
- Communicate with and assist guests. Participate in public demonstrations. Take initiative to facilitate guests' appreciation of animals and enjoyment of their visit. Deal in a courteous and professional manner with zoo visitors and fellow staff.
- Follow all GVZoo policy and procedures. Comply with all WCB safety regulations and work safe procedures. Maintain a safe work environment for both staff and general public.
- Project a professional image while on GVZoo grounds.
- Perform other related duties and responsibilities as required.