

Great Apes Keeper | Auckland Zoo and Orana Park, Christchurch
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Full Time

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Auckland Zoo is recognised as one of the most progressive zoos in the world. A winner of national and international environmental-related awards, it is home to 126 different species and over 1,000 animals.

Our collection of Bornean orangutans [are on the move!](#) During our two year redevelopment programme, our three orangutans, Charlie, Melur and Wanita, will be rehoused in Orana Park, Christchurch. [Orana Park](#) is home to New Zealand's only gorillas, and your primary focus will be to care for these two species, providing best practice husbandry, contributing to the understanding of these species and provide exciting visitor experiences, which inspire and empower people to take positive action for wildlife and the environment.

You will be located at Orana Park for the first two years (approximately), and once the redevelopment is complete, you and the orangutans will relocate to Auckland Zoo.

All applicants must have the following credentials:

- Proven experience in the management of great apes
- Recognised qualifications in captive animal management and/or zoology/biology
- A minimum of 3 years' experience working with primates
- People management experience, with the ability to upskill and train staff

- Excellent communication skills - you will be the liaison with Orana Park and Auckland Zoo
- A track record of innovative husbandry including development of training and enrichment programmes
- Demonstrated commitment to the conservation of species and ecosystems
- Excellent interpersonal skills and the demonstrated ability to positively contribute to a team environment
- Excellent understanding of the natural history of primates
- Sense of fun
- Driver's licence and the ability to drive a manual vehicle

Desired:

- A thorough understanding of the role nutrition plays in the welfare of captive animals
- An in-depth understanding of the 5 domains of animal welfare

This is a **full time role**, working on a 7-day rotating roster system including weekends and public holidays. A high level of energy and physical fitness will enable you to meet the daily challenges of the role.

The primate team is looking for someone who is adaptable and open minded with a desire to push themselves to benefit conservation and animal welfare.

Applications close Wednesday 6 December at 10.30pm.

This position is deemed a safety sensitive position and will require pre-employment drug testing.

Auckland Council is committed to the protection and wellbeing of children. A component of this role involves interaction with children so, as a part of the assessment of candidates, we will require Police Vetting of candidates to ensure we are providing a safe environment for children. This requirement complies with the Vulnerable Children Act 2014.

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