



## POSITION APPLICATION PACK

### **Animal Keeper - Exotic Mammal Section**

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Thank you for your interest in the above position. The following information will assist you in completing the application process and we look forward to receiving your application.

#### ***Position Advertisement:***

Set in 80 hectares, Orana Wildlife Park (Christchurch) is New Zealand's only open range zoo. The Park is home to 400 animals representing over 70 different species. The focus of our collection is New Zealand native fauna and African savannah animals. In 2015 Orana completed the biggest project in its history – a \$6M Great Ape Centre that is home to New Zealand's only gorillas! Orana is currently part way through an exciting development plan to ensure that the Park continues to evolve and develop into the future. Operated as a charitable trust, Orana fulfils an important role in managed, zoo-based breeding programmes for the species we hold.

We are seeking to employ a suitably skilled person for the above position. You will need to be a highly driven and energetic individual with a passion for wildlife.

Duties will include:

- Providing daily care and welfare to a variety of animals.
- Involvement in zoo-based breeding programmes for threatened exotic species.
- Implementing behavioural enrichment programmes.
- Conducting fun, informative presentations to educate visitors on the plight of exotic fauna.
- Take part in pest control programmes.
- Animal observation and record keeping.
- Maintaining animal enclosures and exhibits.
- Periodic supervision of junior staff.

The ideal applicant will possess the following skills and attributes:

- At least two years animal husbandry experience. Previous zoo experience is highly desirable.
- A Unitec "Care of Captive Wild Animals" certificate would be considered an advantage.
- Responsible mature attitude and team player.
- Good communication, customer service and people management skills.
- High level of physical fitness (heavy lifting will be required).
- Good practical and maintenance skills, for example exhibit maintenance, fence maintenance, electric fence repairs, basic plumbing etc.

The working week for the position is yet to be determined and will involve working full time, 40 hours per week. Hours of work are 8:30am to 5:00pm. Salary will be in accordance with skills and experience. If you wish to apply, then we invite you to request an application pack by telephone (03 359 7109) or email ([info@oranawildlifepark.co.nz](mailto:info@oranawildlifepark.co.nz)). All applications must be submitted on the official application form included in the pack **by 5 pm, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**. Applications

can be posted to: Manager of Exotic Species, Orana Wildlife Park, PO Box 5130, Christchurch 8542, or emailed to us at [info@oranawildlifepark.co.nz](mailto:info@oranawildlifepark.co.nz).