

JOB DESCRIPTION

Agency	Department of Tourism and Culture	Work Unit	Zoology, Alice Springs Desert Park
Job Title	Zookeeper	Designation	Technical 1 RDO
Job Type	Full Time	Duration	Ongoing commencing on 14/11/2017
Salary	\$47,769 - \$56,800	Location	Alice Springs
Position Number	5030 RTF 126535	Closing	04/10/2017
Contact	Cameron Candy on 088951 8722 or cameron.candy@nt.gov.au		
Agency Information	www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au		
Information for Applicants	Applications must be limited to a one-page summary sheet and an attached detailed resume/cv. For further information for applicants and example applications: click here		
Information about Selected Applicant's Merit	If you accept this position, a detailed summary of your merit (including work history, experience, qualifications, skills, information from referees, etc.) will be provided to other applicants, to ensure transparency and better understanding of the reasons for the decision. For further information: click here		
Special Measures	Not applicable to this vacancy		
Apply Online Link	https://jobs.nt.gov.au/Home/Application?rtfld=126535		

Primary Objective: Zookeepers undertake zoo keeping duties as part of the daily care, management, training and display of the living animal collection and the maintenance and landscaping of their enclosures.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Responsible for the daily husbandry and/or training of animals in a section of the animal collection and for the maintenance of their displays.
2. Operate within a strong safety culture and implement defined Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) policies and procedures while delivering Commission services.
3. Conduct public presentations and other public relations activities as required.

Selection Criteria:

Essential

1. Ability to effectively undertake captive husbandry duties, manage high quality displays and the effective management of captive wildlife.
2. Demonstrated ability to train captive wildlife using principles of operant conditioning.
3. Proven ability to effectively work as part of a small team of zookeepers, to work without direct supervision, and to provide appropriate feedback.
4. Ability to relate to the public and carry out public relations work as required (e.g. presentations of educational talks).
5. A high level of observation skills and the ability to recognize, interpret and solve animal behavioural and management problems.
6. Good communication skills, including in computer literacy, and ability to liaise effectively with other staff in this multi-disciplinary work place.
7. A relevant qualification awarded by an Australian institution, or equivalent or relevant experience in a field of technical work closely related to the duties of the vacancy.

Desirable:

1. Demonstrated experience in naturalistic landscaping of animal exhibits and in environmental enrichment for captive wildlife.
2. Understanding of and strong commitment to the roles, [values](#) and functions of the Alice Springs Desert Park.
3. "C" Class NT drivers licence or the ability to obtain.

Further Information:

1. This position involves wearing an Alice Springs Desert Park uniform.
2. This position involves regular weekend and public holiday work.
3. This position involves regular field and other outdoor work in the extreme environmental conditions of Central Australia.

Approved: March 2013

Andrew Bridges Executive Director PWCNT