



## 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 and orang-utans! 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 suitable person for the above position. You will need to be a highly driven and energetic individual with a passion for wildlife.

The ideal applicant will need to possess the following skills and attributes:

- At least one years' animal husbandry experience in a zoo setting.
- Responsible mature attitude and team player.
- Previous zoo and/or animal husbandry experience is required.
- Good communication skills.
- A Unitec "Care of Captive Wild Animals" certificate would be considered highly advantageous.
- High level of physical fitness (heavy lifting will be required).
- Good practical and maintenance skills, for example exhibit maintenance, fence maintenance, electric fence repairs, etc.

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.

The working week for the position is yet to be determined. It will involve working full time, 40 hours per week and most **likely involve working both weekend days each 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, 17 June 2019**. 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). Applications will be reviewed as they are received.