



# Vacancy Advert

## Primate/Lemur Keeper - Monarto

### Employment Status – Fixed Term Part Time Position

As one of the largest open range zoos in the world, spanning more than 1,500 hectares of fauna and flora, we're excited to be transforming from Monarto Zoo into Monarto Safari Park, the largest safari park that will exist outside of Africa.

Complete with a first-of-its-kind luxury resort and glamping facilities, by 2022 Monarto Safari Park will offer longer visits and a range of new and wild safari experiences in an area known as Wild Africa including open-sided vehicle tours through herds of roaming animals and a huge walk-through lemur habitat. Not to mention, we're building a brand-new \$16.8 million Visitor Centre, funded by the Federal and State Governments, which will provide a world class entry to the park.

### ABOUT THE ROLE...

The Primate team at Monarto Safari Park currently require an experienced and committed Primate keeper, with experience working with Great Apes within a captive environment and a proven background in training and conditioning of primates. This is a part time (0.6 FTE) 12 month fixed term contract worked over a 7 day roster, to cover a period of maternity leave however the role may reduce to 0.5 FTE for a portion of the contract.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the daily husbandry aspects of the current chimp troop and will be actively involved in the planning and introduction of lemurs to the site as part of our expansion into our Wild Africa exhibit.

Our ideal candidate must be motivated, organised, have great time management and show a desire to encourage this section to strive for corporate goals and objectives.

As part of our Life Sciences team, day to day tasks may include:

- Obtain, prepare and provide food to animals in accordance with established diets, feeding schedules and procedures.
- Clean food and water vessels, holding areas, exhibits and food preparation and storage areas to required standards, ensure animal areas are maintained free of debris and hazardous materials.
- Provide animals with nesting and bedding materials and other items required to meet their behavioural requirements
- Observe and report on animal behaviour and changes to the condition of animals.
- Maintain diaries and animal records and report matters of interest to the Senior Keeper.
- Participating in the implementation and monitoring of behavioural enrichment and training and conditioning programs to affect animal behaviour and allow routine examinations and procedures without distress
- Undertaking informal presentations and 'Keeper Talks', presenting to public groups and responding to questions.
- Working consistently in accordance with established safety procedures to ensure animal security, personal safety, protection of coworkers and the public.
- Working in line with relevant Policy and Procedures/Standard Operating Procedures and providing feedback and proactive suggestions for change as required.

Please note that in the event that this role is filled from within the organization, there may be subsequent backfill roles available in other sections of the Life Sciences department. If this is the case, applicants who have applied for this role will be considered prior to advertising again.

### ABOUT YOU...

To be considered for this position you will need to meet the following selection criteria:

- Have or be working towards Certificate III in Captive Animals or other relevant and acceptable Zoo Keeping experience.
- Proven experience in a practical animal related role, specifically with primates. Experience with tortoises is advantageous.

- Knowledge and understanding of Workplace Health & Safety principles and process.
- Ability to deliver informative and engaging presentations that relay our conservation messaging.
- High level of communication and interpersonal skills with peers, staff, volunteers and public.
- Proven ability to problem solve and contribute to the development of a new visitor experience.

#### **HOW TO APPLY...**

Please complete the requested work history & education information on the application page, attach your resume and any certificates in the education section. This will assist us in assessing your suitability for this role.

**If you have a strong passion in animal welfare, species conservation, and an eagerness to support the operation of a major safari park's primate team, we would love to hear from you!**

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