



Vacancy Advert

Carnivore Keeper Vacancy - Monarto

Rare Opportunity – Permanent Full Time Role Available

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 2023 Monarto Safari Park will offer longer visits and a range of new and wild safari experiences in an area known as Wild Africa including incredible tours through herds of roaming animals and a huge walk-through lemur habitat. Not to mention, have also just opened a brand-new \$16.8m Visitor Centre, funded by the Federal & State Governments, which offers our visitors world class entry to the park.

ABOUT THE ROLE...

The team at Monarto Safari Park are looking for an experienced and committed keeper to join the Carnivore section in a permanent full time capacity. Currently our carnivore section includes African Lions, Cheetah, African Painted Dogs and Hyena. Whilst the role is currently on the Carnivore sections, the successful candidate may be required to work in other sections of the Life Sciences department, should operational needs require it.

This role is currently responsible for the daily husbandry aspects on a range of carnivore rounds and the successful 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:

- Obtaining, preparing and providing food to animals in accordance with established diets, feeding schedules and procedures.
- Cleaning 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.
- Providing animals with items required to meet their behavioural requirements
- Observing and reporting on animal behaviour and changes to the condition of animals.
- Maintaining 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 formal presentations and 'Keeper Talks' responding to questions, whilst presenting to public groups as well as the media. The carnivore team has a minimum of two guest tours per day (up to four on most days of the week), as well as keeper talks daily and occasional VIP tours, media and other similar requirements.
- 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.

ABOUT YOU...

To be considered for these positions you will need to meet the following selection criteria:

- Have or be working towards Certificate III in Captive Animals preferably with practical Zoo Keeping experience.
- Proven experience in a practical animal related role, preferably with carnivores.
- Knowledge and understanding of Workplace Health & Safety principles and process.
- Hold a firearms licence (or be willing to obtain)
- Have a MR licence (or be willing to obtain)
- Experience in an open range safari park/zoo setting highly beneficial
- Able to deliver informative and engaging presentations that relay our conservation messaging.
- Experience in training and conditioning including an ability to establish and continue established training plans.
- High level of communication and interpersonal skills with peers, staff, volunteers and public.

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.

Zoos SA is passionately committed to equal employment opportunity. We believe diversity, inclusion and reconciliation are fundamental to our rich organisational culture and values, and we demonstrate this commitment through all our employment practices so that our people continue to reflect the local communities in which we work.

If you have a strong passion in animal welfare, species conservation, and an eagerness to support the operation of a major Safari Park's Life Sciences team, we would love to hear from you!

Please visit the [Careers](#) section of the Zoos SA website to apply.