



Vacancy Advert

Primate Keeper 0.7FTE – Monarto Safari Park

Employment status – 0.7FTE – Starting ASAP

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 have transformed 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. We 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 Primate's team is currently looking for an experienced, motivated and enthusiastic keeper to join our team. We have one permanent 0.7 FTE part time contract over a 7day roster.

Whilst the role will predominantly be within the Primates Section, the successful applicant when required, will be responsible for the daily husbandry aspects of the Lemur troop and the Tortoises.

Currently the park houses both Chimpanzees, Lemurs and Tortoises within the primate section. This role will include being rostered to the lemur round where upon you will be responsible for the daily husbandry needs of our growing lemur troop and several species of tortoise. Part of the lemur role includes taking tours, carrying out introductions, managing breeding, care of other species and supporting the chimpanzee round with daily tasks. This is an exciting time to be part of new lemur experience at Monarto Safari Park.

Lemur introduction experience and well developed Chimp training and conditioning skills are highly desirable.

Excellent communication skills as well as the ability to work well within a team and independently are essential. Daily Keeper presentations and guest interactions on encounters and behind-the-scenes tours will require the successful applicant to provide engaging and professional connections with our visitors. Well-developed training and conditioning skills and basic maintenance skills are highly desirable.

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
- Undertake daily 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 co-workers 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 animal husbandry experience within a zoological setting.
- Proven experience in a practical animal related role, preferably with natives and primates.
- Knowledge and understanding of Workplace Health & Safety principles and process.
- Hold a firearms license (or be willing to obtain).
- Have a MR license (or be willing to obtain).
- 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.