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The National Zoo and Aquarium is a privately owned 47-acre zoo and aquarium in the heart of Canberra.

We are seeking an experienced zookeeper (minimum 3 years' experience) to join our expanding Wildlife Department.

The National Zoo and Aquarium houses an extensive collection of exotic ungulates, primates and carnivores, as well as native species, with a focus on providing educational experiences to our visitors.

The Role

This role includes daily husbandry, animal care, record keeping, public encounters, exhibit presentation and maintenance, food preparation, implementing of training and conditioning programs and enrichment schedules across our vast Wildlife Department.

A strong background in working with a variety of primate species would be of advantage for this role.

Keepers work with the section Team Leaders, Wildlife Management Staff and Veterinary Department to ensure the highest standards of animal care and welfare are met and maintained.

This position will work across a 10-day fortnight including weekend/public holiday work.

About you

Minimum Qualifications Requirements:

- Certificate III in Zoo Keeping or Captive Animal Management or equivalent.
- Demonstrated experience (minimum 3 years) in working with exotic species, preferably primates, including their husbandry, observation and management in a zoo or similar environment.
- A positive attitude and an ability to adapt to change.

Criteria:

- Proven ability to maintain high standards of husbandry, hygiene and animal care.
- Demonstrates good communication and interpersonal skills, and a proven ability to be part of a positive team environment.
- Demonstrated commitment to the conservation of species and ecosystems.
- A demonstrated knowledge of the Five Domains of Animal Welfare.
- Driver's license and the ability to drive a manual vehicle (preferable).



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- Maintain up to date Covid-19 vaccinations.
- Willingness to work on weekends.

About us

The successful candidate will work within a supportive team and will be encouraged to excel in their role utilising our Keeper Progression Structure.

Remuneration to commensurate level of experience.

The National Zoo and Aquarium employs over 200 staff members across the Zoo and Jamala Wildlife Lodge. We pride ourselves in promoting a positive working environment and are committed to a health and wellbeing program for our staff. This includes access to gym memberships off site, monthly staff breakfasts and a social club.

The National Zoo and Aquarium supports many conservation projects both locally and internationally each year, with funds raised through our animal encounters and the National Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Team (NZACTION). An interest in promoting and participating in conservation projects is also encouraged.

To be considered for this role please send the following to SophieDentrinos@nationalzoo.com.au:

- A cover letter addressing all minimum qualifications requirements and criteria
- Resume including detailed employment history
- Contact details of two current referees

Closing date 8th December 2022.

Only applications who are successful in obtaining an interview will be contacted further.