

Entry Level Zookeeper / Animal Attendant

Townsville, Queensland

Ongoing - Casual Employment

Up to 12 hours per week, Weekday, Weekend and Public holiday work required

\$26-\$28 per hour plus penalty rates on Sundays and Public Holidays

Applications close by: 5TH February 2023



Hands on Wildlife is a locally owned wildlife demonstration and education business providing the public with interactive, immersive and educational wildlife experiences. We are looking for casual employees to join our small team caring for a collection of native Australian bird species. This is a rare opportunity where no previous experience is required as on the job training is provided. Successful candidates will complete a variety of animal husbandry and general maintenance tasks as well as public interaction and presentation duties in a beautiful tropical outdoor setting.

Key Responsibilities

- Perform routine animal husbandry and manual maintenance tasks while under supervision or following defined written standard operating procedures. Daily tasks include husbandry and maintenance duties for live animals such as food preparation, provide food, water and environmental enrichment to animals, enclosure cleaning and maintenance, daily animal health and welfare checks, general building and workspace cleaning and maintenance and horticultural upkeep
- Provide basic customer service and communication skills as well as conduct scheduled public presentations on the animals on display
- Daily reporting and communication with supervisors regarding animal health and welfare
- Other duties as directed by workplace supervisors
- Carry out duties in accordance with workplace health and safety procedures

Qualifications and Requirements

Essential

- Must have a current Class C Drivers licence and own vehicle
- Availability to work a minimum of 3-4 hours per rostered morning shift generally starting at 8am on weekdays, weekends and some public holidays as required. Regularly 3 to 4 days a week.
- Strong observation, interpersonal, communication and time management skills
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team and independently while maintaining a positive, enthusiastic approach
- Willingness and ability to carry out duties in accordance with standard operating procedures and workplace health and safety procedures and under instruction by supervisors
- A reasonable level of fitness which is required to access all exhibit areas and undertake husbandry tasks in a tropical outdoor environment including ability to climb steps and ladders, reach overhead, lift and carry up to 20kg, kneel and squat
- Passion and enthusiasm to care for a wide variety of animals in a captive setting and for wildlife conservation

Desirable

- Experience with the husbandry of a range of birds or other wildlife in a captive environment
- Possess or have the ability to obtain a Senior First Aid Certificate
- Possess or have the ability to obtain a QLD Blue Card Working with Children Check

To apply : Please email Cover Letter, Job Application form and Resume to rangerdan@handsonwildlife.com.au by Sunday the 5th of February.

Position Contact: Jackie Hasling, rangerdan@handsonwildlife.com.au, ph: 0437 056 156

Employment Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Preferred Name if different to above: _____

Address: _____
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*_____
City State Postcode

Phone: _____ Email _____

Date Available for start: _____

Position Applied for: **Zookeeper / Animal Attendant**Are you an Australian Citizen? YES NO

If not are you authorised to work within Australia? Please provide details: _____

References

Please list two professional references.

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Disclaimer and Signature

*I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.**If this application leads to employment, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my release.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____