



**To inspire and assist in the conservation of the natural world through innovative and exciting educational experiences**

## **Permanent Full Time Keeper**

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' paid experience) to join our Wildlife Department.

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

### **The Role**

This full-time keeping position involves providing the following to a variety of species across our collection:

- A high standard of animal care and husbandry
- Record keeping
- Public encounters and talks
- Exhibit presentation and maintenance
- Food preparation
- Implementing of training and conditioning programs and daily enrichment schedules

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 paid) in working with a variety of taxa including their daily husbandry, observation and management in a zoo or similar environment.
- A positive attitude, ability to work in a team and to adapt to change.

### Criteria:

- Proven ability to maintain high standards of husbandry, hygiene, and health care with a variety of taxa.
- Demonstrates good communication and interpersonal skills, and a proven ability to be a positive team member.
- 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).
- Maintain up to date vaccinations as required by our policy, including Covid-19 vaccinations.

### 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, on-site massages, 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 (NZACT). An interest in promoting and participating in conservation projects is also encouraged.

To be considered for this role please send:

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

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