



Zookeeper- Mammals

The Fresno Chaffee Zoo inspires wonder of our natural world, provides an engaging learning environment, and creates a passion for conservation. Serving the central San Joaquin Valley, the zoo is committed to sustaining professional active participation in wildlife conservation, research and wildlife education. As a proud recipient of the AZA Top Honor Exhibit Award, we are committed to providing our local community and the AZA community exhibits and programs we all can be proud of.

November 4th marked an important day for Fresno County as our community voted to continue to financially support the Zoo through the approval of Measure Z. This measure provides us with financial security that allows us to continue to offer an incredible experience for our guests while providing excellent animal care, and a challenging yet fulfilling working environment. For more information on this project please visit our website and watch the posted video that showcases our most recent project: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhnjl_KgpwY

The Zoo is seeking one full-time, regular, benefited Zookeeper.

Responsibilities

The Zookeeper position is under the general direction of the Curator of Mammals, General Curator, or other supervisory staff. Work is performed both indoors and outdoors depending on season and weather-related needs. Zookeeper will provide daily husbandry for a wide variety of species including: Orangutans, sea lions, seals and a variety of other species. Zookeeper will train on the proper handling and daily maintenance of specimens both on and off exhibit. Under general supervision of staff, the responsibilities and duties of the Zookeeper include, but are not necessarily limited to, the maintenance and observation of the health, feeding and care of a variety of zoo animals; public presentations; record keeping; assisting in the movement of animals as directed; assisting in veterinary procedures if/when necessary; providing medications; interacting with zoo docents and assisting zoo visitors with questions and their needs. This position also requires the ability to give demonstrations and animal talks throughout the day.

Requirements:

One year experience in the care, handling and feeding of mammals in a zoological setting is preferred. A Bachelor's degree (BA or BS) from an accredited college or university; and one year related experience and a **strong emphasis on training**; or an equivalent combination of education and experience required. Twelve units of accredited college or university level course work in animal science, zoology, biology, wildlife management, or related field may be substituted for six (6) months experience. Requires a valid California driver's license and good driving record. Good written and verbal communications skills are essential. Must be able to work evenings, weekdays, weekends, and holidays.

Good physical condition: ability to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. (i.e. feed sack) and move a minimum of 100 lbs. (i.e. hay bale). While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand; walk and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. Vision capabilities required include close, distance and peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus. Evaluating animal health, diet, or environment requires hearing and smell. Interaction with guests and animals requires talking and hearing. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally exposed to wet or humid conditions (non-weather) and outdoor weather conditions. The employee is occasionally in direct contact with exotic animals and is occasionally exposed to work near moving mechanical parts; work in high, precarious places. The noise level in the work environment varies. Occasional loud noises from visitors, animals or equipment are experienced. **Must be able to swim.**

We will begin interviewing for these positions in early spring. If you have the desire and skills needed to help create an all-around dynamic experience at Fresno Chaffee Zoo, apply no later than May 1, 2016 as directed below.

Please submit resume to careers@fresnochaffeezoo.org or mail to:
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation, 894 W Belmont Ave. Fresno, CA 93728.

Applicants can visit www.fresnochaffeezoo.org to apply online.
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