

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title	Animal Keeper/Falconer
Hourly Rate	Dependant on experience
Contract Type	Part time
Reports to	Education Officer and Senior Animal Keeper

Main Purpose of Job	The day to day care and welfare of all animals to the highest standards. To ensure cleanliness and safety within all areas of the zoo. To deliver educational talks and experiences to visitors. To support the education officer with educational group visits.
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Main Duties and Responsibilities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure all animals are fed, watered and cleaned and their welfare is maintained to the highest standard. • To support the team with enclosure maintenance duties, for example pond cleaning, weeding, planting. • Prepare animal food according to the diet sheets. • Feed animals according to zoo protocol. • Follow the zoo's enrichment programme. • To ensure cleanliness in all areas of the zoo and that health and safety protocols are followed at all times by staff and public. • Provide information relating to the care of exhibits if requested. • Support and promote the conservation projects supported by the zoo. Sharing a positive message with visitors. • To correctly store all foods, bedding and other materials associated with the collection. • To ensure that visitor information and interpretation is kept in good order. • To ensure that all equipment is kept up to date and in working order. • To deliver engaging public talks and activities confidently. • To support the Education Officer with the delivery of school/group visits, animal encounters, experiences and birthday parties. • Opportunity to support the design and build of new enclosures. • Responsible for ensuring personal protective equipment is adequate for purpose and that uniform provided is always worn. • To work outdoors in all weather. • To be physically fit. • Undertake training as required – determined by the Employee Development Appraisal process. • Undertake any other duties deemed necessary by the Zoo Director in line with the responsibilities of this role. 	

Other Requirements:	
This position is PAYE and therefore paid hourly. Due to the nature of the business the finishing time will vary throughout the year depending on the seasons. Generally, from November through to March finishing time is 4pm, from April to October finishing time is 5pm.	