Senior Primate Keeper and Trainer

Kolmården Wildlife Park in Sweden has been on a continuous journey of development for the last few years and we have no plans of stopping anytime soon.

We are currently looking for an experienced and driven Primate Keeper to join our team full time. Are you ready to come on an exciting journey with us? Read on!

In the role as a Primate Keeper you will ensure the highest possible welfare standards for our collection of Gorillas, Chimpanzees and Gibbons. We aim for optimal welfare for all our animals at all times and as such you will not only be responsible for ensuring exceptional facility cleanliness and appropriate nutrition for the animals, but you will also be expected to carry out animal observations, thorough record keeping and daily husbandry training. The primates partake in an extensive husbandry training program, therefore their team of Keepers plan and execute daily positive reinforcement training. You will be required to research, develop, deliver and evaluate environmental enrichment that meet species-specific needs. Additional duties include coaching of students and apprentices, supporting our education, sustainability and research departments and of course planning and executing goal-orientated animal training using advanced concepts in positive reinforcement training for the purpose of day to day husbandry, veterinary care and education.

Lastly, all our animal staff engage with our visitors on daily basis, inspiring and educating them through guided tours, presentations, media and school programs.

The right person for this position has previous experience in working with and training primates, preferably with Gorillas and/or Chimpanzees. A sense of responsibility and awareness of safe practices when working with and around the animals is a requirement. A sound knowledge of learning science theory and how to apply it is advantageous.

In addition to the above, we seek a person who knows how to have fun at work. You need to possess a positive, optimistic attitude and be comfortable working in a cheerful team including lots of different personalities. The right candidate for this position is a skilled problem solver who is flexible with a can-do approach in work. You should of course be able to act professionally and have exceptional communication skills which you have a knack for adapting. Animal Keepers at Kolmården work under high pressure year-round and the job is physically very demanding. As such you need to be resilient, effective, flexible, physically fit. Lastly, we want you to be comfortable in front of large audiences. Customer service comes easy to you and you are passionate about teaching our visitors about our animals and inspiring them for a life-long commitment to our planet and its wildlife.

Driver’s license is a requirement for this position. Knowledge of ZIMS is desirable. Fluency in spoken and written English is required. Applicants must have a right to work within the EU.

Application deadline is July 26th but selection is ongoing, so please apply today by sending CV and cover letter to stefan.aspegren@kolmarden.com. For questions about the position or employment conditions, please contact Stefan Aspegren at +46 10-708 75 97 or email: stefan.aspegren@kolmarden.com.