



AAP – Animal Advocacy and Protection

Location: Primadomus (Spain)

The work and goals of AAP are to improve, in a professional manner, the welfare of abused or neglected primates and small to medium sized exotic mammals from all over Europe. This is achieved by providing shelter for animals from the illegal trade, circuses or private individuals. For most of the animals we find suitable homes worldwide in reserves, zoos, or in our own permanent shelter.

AAP is also actively and strategically involved in animal welfare issues by influencing European policy and decision-makers in this field and working together with professional groups at home and abroad. Furthermore, AAP is an international authoritative knowledge centre.

AAP carries out this work from their 2 locations, one located in Almere (The Netherlands) and one in Villena (Alicante, Spain). In total, we employ about 115 paid staff and more than 220 volunteers. The Spanish department is AAP Primadomus and is located at the foot of the Sierra de Salinas, one of the most important natural protected environments of Villena. AAP distinguishes itself by having an enormous passion and a professional, open culture. Our core values, accessibility, dedication and inventiveness form important guidelines of our culture. In April 2015 AAP Primadomus started rescuing big cats. The Big Cat Department consists of three buildings with extensive outside enclosures able to house up to 50 animals.

For the Big Cat Department in AAP Primadomus (Spain) we are now looking for an enthusiastic:

Experienced Caretaker Big Cats **(32 hours per week)**

Your role

As an experienced caretaker you are responsible for the daily care of the lions, tigers, leopards and other wild cats housed in our rescue centre. The practical work consist mainly of cleaning, feeding, observing, providing behavioural enrichment, assisting the work of our veterinarian, animal training and assisting in the rehabilitation of the big cats. You will be part of a small team of experienced caretakers working according to standard procedures and a hands-off policy. You will guide other less experienced caretakers, trainees and (foreign) volunteers, undertake a number of administrative tasks and be flexible enough to work Saturdays or Sundays. The department's team leader will direct you.

Requirements

- Affinity with the ideals and goals of AAP
- Minimum of 2 years of experience in the husbandry of with big cats
- Preferably experience with big cat positive reinforcement training and social introductions
- Experience with other large carnivores will be an advantage
- Capable of writing and implement working instructions and procedures
- Good understanding of field-specific exhibit requirements
- In good physical shape and able to handle stress
- Capable of working independently but also as a team player
- Prepared to share knowledge and information
- Competent in both oral and written English
- Capable of working with relevant computer programs (Outlook, Word, Excel, etc.)

We offer

We are offering a position with a great deal of responsibility. This will take place in an open and professional organization with animals and people at its heart, located in a natural environment. Your salary based on relevant working experience is between € 1.009,- and € 1.220,- gross per month (x 14 payments) based on a 32 hour working week, with the possibility to grow each year according to your development.

Want to know more or apply right away?

For further information send an email to Pablo Delgado, - pablo.delgado@aap.nl, mobile +34 661 940 442– Team Leader Big Cat Department AAP Primadomus.

Send your application letter and CV in English **before January 7th** by e-mail to working.at@aap.nl, mentioning number 2018-09-PRECBC to the attention of Elly Koppers, Team manager Human Resources.

Please note that only applications in English will be considered for this vacancy!

Carrying out a practical assignment is part of the application process.