

## **Lead Keeper – Maternity Cover**

For over 50 years, Longleat (part of the Longleat Enterprises Group) has been one of the UK's most loved attractions. With over 800,000 visitors every year, we are passionate about providing wondrous and immersive experiences that lead to lifelong memories. Despite our established reputation, we constantly strive to educate, excite and inspire guests – from hosting the UK's largest ever hot air balloon gathering, to celebrating our Festival of Light; the first and biggest event of its kind in the UK, with a total of 3,000 spectacular Chinese lanterns transforming the night-time sky.

### **What will this role of Lead Keeper entail?**

Reporting to the Team Manager, as a Lead Keeper you will be responsible for providing the highest standards of daily husbandry and care for animals within the Safari. You'll also ensure an excellent guest experience for all visitors by actively interacting with guests and responding to any enquiries that arise as you perform your duties. Your duties will include, although not be limited to;

- Patrolling and observing the behaviour, health and security of animals, and maintaining detailed and accurate records whilst doing so
- Providing support with the movement, enrichment and training of animals, whilst ensuring all animal areas are clean and fit for purpose
- Assisting with the preparation of approved diets and carrying out the correct feeding procedures for animals
- Supervising, coaching, training and mentoring other keepers

### **What will I need to be considered for this Lead Keeper vacancy?**

- DMZAA qualification or suitable recognised equivalent, with proven experience within animal keeping / husbandry
- Ability to identify animal health problems and accurately carry out agreed veterinary treatments as determined by the Vet Team / Team Leader / Curator
- Passion for delivering a great visitor experience
- Ability to mentor, train and motivate junior members of a team
- Good team player with brilliant interpersonal and observational skills
- Excellent organisational and time management skills
- A full UK Driving Licence

Please note, whilst Longleat is an equal opportunities employer, the successful applicant will need to be physically fit due to the nature and demands of the role, which will include carrying heavy loads and working in extreme outdoor weather conditions.

### **What will I receive in return?**

**Salary:** £19,380

**Attractive Benefits:** 29 days holiday inclusive of bank holidays, complimentary tickets to Longleat and Cheddar Gorge, discounts on retail merchandise, life assurance cover, free parking and more perks.

**Contract Type:** Fixed term contract, maternity cover for up to 12 months

**Hours of Work:** Working 40 hours a week over 5 days to vary on a rota basis as required by the business, which will include weekends, evenings and bank holidays. Earliest rota'd start time of 8.30am, until close. (Times vary throughout the season with a latest finish time up to 9pm).

Please note, due to the nature of the business evenings and weekend work will be required, including bank holidays.

**Location:** Longleat (Warminster, Wiltshire)

To **apply** for this position, please head over to <http://jobs.longleat.co.uk/>, where you will be able to select this role and submit your application for consideration.

**All applications to be submitted online, and strictly no agency calls or agency CV submissions.**