



Experienced Primate Keeper

Salary range: £21,174.00 - £23,004.00 DOE Plus Desirable Benefits

Full time, permanent position

Plus a living out allowance or £2,600 per annum pro-rata to working hours, if onsite accommodation is not required or available.

Howletts Wild Animal Park is a 90-acre site set in Bekesbourne near Canterbury, Kent, is home to a collection of rare and endangered primates, including Javan gibbons, Dusky langurs, Sulawesi macaques, Pied tamarins and Gelada baboons to name a few.

We are seeking an enthusiastic, motivated, and *experienced* Primate Keeper with an interest in animal management. This position is a key role which will involve providing the highest standards of welfare and husbandry to all primate species on section, providing high standards of daily tasks, including feeding and cleaning primates as well as diet preparation.

Who we are looking for:

The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 3 years' experience working in a similar role and environment and will hold a conversation relation degree or have exceptional experience in the zoo industry. A practical and proactive approach coupled with excellent organisation and communication skills are essential, as is a full valid **manual** driving licence.

You must have previous experience of working with primates, in a mainstream zoological collection, with an awareness of current conservation issues and a passion for animal welfare. The applicant must be enthusiastic in contributing to the enrichment of the primate species around the park and must be confident in speaking to groups of people and interacting with the public. The successful candidate will assist the Veterinary department with primate sedations and after care, as well as being involved with the preparation and distribution of medication. As an experienced keeper, you will also help to facilitate training to less experienced keepers, as well as acting as a contact on the section in the absence of the Section Head and Deputy.

Contract details:

Working 40 hours over a 5-day week, the successful candidate will have a genuinely flexible approach to working hours which will include weekends and bank holidays. All applicants must have the right to work in the UK. A reliable mode of transport is recommended due to our remote location. Salary is commensurate with experience. If on-site accommodation is not available or required, then a living out allowance is paid. Living out allowance is £2,600 gross per annum (pro rata to working hours).

The location:

Howletts Wild Animal Park is located near Canterbury and set within 90 acres of land. Howletts is home to over 300 rare and endangered species, including Kents only giant anteaters, the largest herd of African elephants in the UK, and more gorillas, leopards and monkeys than any zoo in the county!

Why you should join us:

As well as walking to work surrounded by the calls of Howler monkeys and roars from our pride of Lions, you will also join a supportive team who are passionate about their place of work.

You can also expect a host of other benefits including:

- 28 days annual leave inclusive of bank holidays, rising with length of service.
- Comprehensive training and development opportunities, including workshops and e-learning
- Enhanced Sickness, Maternity and Paternity Policies.
- Unlimited free entry for you and a person of your choice into both of our parks as well as friends and family tickets.
- Exceptional discounts on food, retail, and accommodation at our parks.
- Numerous retail discounts and access to a 24-hour counselling line through our Healthy Extras Scheme.
- And many more length or service-related rewards and Benefits.

A full job description is available on request.

Closing date: Friday 23rd June 2023

To apply: Please email a CV along with a covering letter to - personnel@aspinallfoundation.org
Visit our website at www.aspinallfoundation.org to find out more about us.