



## Al Ain Zoo, United Arab Emirates

### Supervisor Animal Trainer

**Al Ain Zoo is seeking an experienced, motivated, hardworking Supervisor Animal Trainer to be part of a dedicated team of Animal Training Unit, and staff within the Animal Care Section of Al Ain Zoo.**

This position offers an excellent opportunity to work with over 4000 specimens of animals including carnivores, primates, ungulates, birds, and reptiles that are maintained in extensive habitat displays in the largest Zoo in the Middle East. Al Ain Zoo is a 1000 hectare wildlife experience with a focus on arid land wildlife conservation, education, animal management, veterinary care and visitor experience.

#### ***The Role:***

This position is required for managing the day-to-day aspects of animal training, organizing public shows, educational demonstrations, and staff management. Also supervises and performs a wide variety of functions in the training, handling, and care of animals used for public appearances and contact, such as educational programs, and animal shows and performs related work as required. This Position is also required to establish animal training programs for husbandry and veterinary care purposes where possible.

#### **Duties will include but not limited to:**

- Supervises assigned staff as per organizational structure and policies
- Support Al Ain Zoo UAE nationals' program through direct supervision and training
- Assures animal feeding schedules and dietary requirements are met
- Arrange / perform animal training and care programs
- Supervise and manage all animal show and related activities
- Participates in establishing and updating Standard Operating procedures
- Oversees pest control operations in relevant areas
- Provides support and guidance to Senior Keepers, Keepers
- Work closely with animal care supervisors to establish and maintain animal training programs
- Generates work requests and coordinates completion
- Ensures accurate and complete records of animal activities are maintained
- Participates in planning the developing and modifying of animal facilities
- Sets up props, stages, or other performance areas

- Trains animals for public appearance and health maintenance
- Control's animals to ensure public safety
- Makes informational presentations to the public
- Adheres to the organization's policies and practices
- Exemplifies the highest standard of work ethics.
- Conducts special tours as required
- Any other relevant duties assigned by the line manager and or AC manager.
- Follow all ZAPIA EHS policies and procedures.

The position is full time, working 5 days per week and will include weekends and public holidays. Applicants should be physically fit and able to work outdoors in challenging conditions and be culturally sensitive.

***Qualifications and experience required***

- Bachelor of Zoo Science / Bachelor of Animal Care / Bachelor of Animal Science or equivalent, with not less than 4 Years' experience.
- Diploma in Animal Training and Enrichment / Diploma in Animal Training or equivalent, with not less than 5 Years' experience.

Education, training experience, which would clearly demonstrate the knowledge and skills outlined. Experience as an animal trainer at a comparable organization plus wild animal training experience is required. Also, knowledge of behavioral enrichment, as well as a broad base knowledge of animal husbandry is required.

***To Apply:***

Applicants should send their full, updated CV and covering letter to:

[Recruitment@alainzoo.ae](mailto:Recruitment@alainzoo.ae)