

Animal Keeper – Great Apes

Based in the heart of England, Twycross Zoo (TZ) is an award-winning conservation charity and rapidly growing visitor attraction. We're committed to supporting global welfare and conservation efforts in the captive breeding of endangered species whilst supporting projects from many different countries around the world, including Ape Action Africa, Lola Ya Bonobo and the FFI Cao Vit Gibbon Project.

In 2014, we launched our 20-year, £55million Masterplan. Since this time, new habitats which have opened to the public include Giraffe Savannah and Gibbon Forest. Recently, we've opened **a new £3.5 million world-class chimpanzee habitat**, Chimpanzee Eden, and are looking forward to building on this continued growth and success. We are the **only** zoo in the UK to accommodate all four Great Apes.

What will this role of Animal Keeper entail?

As an Animal Keeper, you'll play a key role in caring for our Great Apes, ensuring that animal keeping is carried out to the Zoo's required standards. Your duties will include but not be limited to;

- Preparing and distributing food and water to animals
- Learning about the animals and reporting any animal health concerns to the Section Head
- Assisting with maintaining enclosures, food preparation and public viewing areas to a high standard of hygiene, cleanliness and exhibition
- Motivating and encouraging colleagues, assisting with the development of Trainee Keepers and providing guidance to work experience students and apprentices
- Answering enquiries from the public in a helpful and polite manner, whilst working closely with the visitor experience team and delivering Animal encounters

What will I need to be considered for this Animal Keeper vacancy?

- At least 3 years' experience as a Zoo Keeper, which must have included working with Great Apes
- An appropriate animal related qualification
- Enthusiastic, high performing and motivated with a proven track record in zoo animal management
- Superb knowledge of the natural history and management of Great Apes
- Ability to work effectively in a team and without supervision, with a flexible approach to duties and working hours
- A passion for the Zoo's work and purpose

What will I receive in return?

As an Animal Keeper, you'll receive a **salary of £19,695**, along with the following additional benefits including 31 days holiday per annum inclusive of bank holidays, along with the benefit of a staff membership card, giving you free entry to the Zoo on your days off and discounts in our retail and food outlets, and free onsite parking.

Contract: Permanent, working **42 hours per week** on a set 3-week rota. You'll work 5 days out of 7 between the hours of 8am to 6pm during the summer and 8am to 5pm during the winter months.

More about us:

At TZ you'll be part of an evolving and progressive organisation, with staff engagement at its very core. We offer a diverse range of roles and are committed to the fundamental approach of equal opportunities in employment. Our team strives to educate and inspire everyone to care about, and therefore contribute to saving, the other species with which we share our planet.

With our dedicated and enthusiastic team of colleagues at the heart of everything we do, we aim to become a recognised "Centre of Excellence" that continues to make a significant contribution to the welfare and conservation of animals, especially primates, and remain at the heart of conservation.

We're based in **Atherstone, Warwickshire**, on the A444 which is easily accessed via the A5 and the M42 Junction 11.

All applications for this Animal Keeper vacancy are to be submitted online, and strictly no agency calls or agency CV submissions.

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