



## PART TIME ANIMAL KEEPER I

The Buffalo Zoo is hiring a part time Animal Keeper I for the Hoofstock Team. Selected candidates would be expected to work 21-28 hours per week.

### **Basic Purpose and Responsibility:**

Under the supervision of the General Curator, the Part Time Keeper I would be responsible for supporting the day-to-day operations associated with the husbandry of the animals and the maintenance of animal exhibits.

### **Essential Functions:**

- Primary accountability for specific functions and results. The list of essential functions is not exhaustive and may be supplemented or changed as necessary.
- Prepares and provides diet and feeding regime to designated animals as specified by the supervisor-in-charge.
- Assists in the cleaning and shifting of animals to perform exhibit maintenance duties and modify exhibits to meet seasonal requirements.
- Assists veterinary staff with any prescribed treatment routines or medication administration.
- Records and reports any abnormal animal health or behavioral condition to the supervisor.
- Assists with departmental research projects as directed by the Curator and provides support to other Zoo projects as needed.
- Identifies any potential maintenance or safety issues and reports them to the supervisor.
- Cooperates in answering questions presented by the public, other Zoo employees, volunteers and interns to promote quality guest service.
- Assumes the duties of Keeper II and Keeper III on an as needed basis.
- Oversees work activities and provides training for interns or seasonal workers assigned to that area.
- Performs any additional animal care duties or departmental responsibilities as directed by the supervisor.

### **Position Qualifications:**

To perform at a proficient level and be fully qualified, a person would be expected to have:

#### *Education (Minimum Needed):*

- Two-year degree in one of the natural sciences or other discipline.

#### *Experience (Minimum Needed):*

- Experience with a diversified exotic animal collection gained through internships, volunteer experience or employment. Extensive domestic animal experience may be a qualifying substitute.

#### *Special Skills:*

- Experience with physical restraint equipment, vehicles and related maintenance equipment.
- Demonstrated proficiency in use of all cleaning and husbandry equipment and supplies.

#### *Other:*

- Must possess or be able to obtain within 30-days of employment a valid New York State driver's license and have an average or better driving record based on the evaluation process of our insurance company.
- Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays as necessary.
- TB Test conducted annually.
- Rabies pre-exposure vaccination series a plus.

### **Physical Demands**

A fitness for duty test will be required in order for the successful candidate to be given further consideration for the position.

### **How to Apply**

Part-time, non-exempt hourly CSEA union position - \$14.33 per hour. If interested, please submit resume and cover letter by 3/13/2020 to: Joe Hauser, Buffalo Zoo, via [jhauser@buffalozoo.org](mailto:jhauser@buffalozoo.org) Use subject line: Buffalo Zoo Part Time Keeper Position HOOF. Attachments are to be formatted: Last name first name Cover Letter.Doc or PDF, and Last name first name Resume.Doc or PDF.

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