

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

PART-TIME ANIMAL KEEPER I

*8/2021*

The Buffalo Zoo is hiring three (3) part-time Animal Keeper I positions for the Animal Department. We are seeking candidates to work in several areas; and experience with Hoofed animals, Rainforest animals (birds, mammals), Reptiles and Amphibians and/or commissary areas is highly sought. Selected candidates would be expected to work 21-28 hours per week. Each position is year-round part-time, CSEA union, hourly non-exempt. Rate of pay is $14.33 per hour.

**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**

* Able and willing to perform sustained work of a physical nature, that may require heavy lifting.
* A fitness for duty test will be required in order for the successful candidate to be given further consideration for the position.

**Benefits / How to Apply**

Part-time employees will accrue sick time based on hours worked. 403B plan available.

If interested, please submit resume and cover letter by August 16, 2021 (no phone calls) to: [zooapplications@buffalozoo.org](mailto:zooapplications@buffalozoo.org)

Use subject line: Buffalo Zoo Part-Time Keeper. 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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*as well as testing for illegal substance use as allowed by law.*