



Do you have extensive experience with primates and other tropical species, and want to work as a zookeeper in Dyreparken?

Dyreparken is Norway's greatest family attraction located in Kristiansand in the south of Norway. We are visited by over 1 million people annually, and we are home to over 100 different animal species, many of which are part of international breeding programs. Our animal department is currently looking for an experienced zookeeper to join our Jungle team!

The Jungle team is responsible for the care, welfare and display of a variety of tropical animals, including great apes, smaller primates, a small collection of birds, and a variety of reptiles and invertebrates. The team has many exciting plans for the future and this position will play a significant role in the development of the department.

Responsibilities

- Daily responsibility for an assigned area within the Jungle department.
- Maintenance and upgrading of enclosures and habitats.
- Create diet plans in collaboration with the zoo's nutritionist.
- Perform animal presentations for the zoo's visitors.
- Create and provide species-appropriate environmental enrichment.
- Train animals using reward-based methods.
- Teaching interns and new keepers.
- Assisting with other areas as needed.
- Represent the zoo in the media.

Personal Skills

- Driven by creating excellent visitor experiences.
- Passionate about animal husbandry and welfare.
- Solid team player who is also able to work independently.
- Creative and open-minded.
- Good problem solving skills.
- Structured yet flexible.
- You are motivated to develop the department to reach new goals in animal welfare and guest experiences.
- You have a good financial understanding of zoo management.

Requirements

- Minimum 5 years of experience with primates. Additional experience with reptiles, invertebrates and birds is a plus!
- Applicants who have previously worked with great apes and/or dangerous reptiles (e.g. venomous snakes, crocodilians) will be preferred.
- Knowledge of creating dynamic and functional habitats to ensure great animal welfare and an excellent guest experience.
- Practical experience in environmental enrichment and positive reinforcement training.
- Knowledge of Scandinavian language is preferred, but English-speaking candidates will also be considered.

Zookeepers work on a rota of 5 days per week (37,5 hrs), working every 4th weekend. They must be able to work on some holidays.

What do we offer?

A full-time permanent contract, starting after the summer of this year, in a department under continuous growth and with exciting plans for the future. We offer a competitive salary with good conditions for pension and insurance. We have a social working environment with many events and experiences for staff, and very good employee benefits.

Didn't this sound like an exciting position?

You can submit your application via [this link](#)! For more information or questions about the position, please contact the HR department (jobb@dyreparken.no). Note that all applicants must apply using the [application form](#). The deadline for receiving applications is the **31st of May 2024**, but interviews will be ongoing during the application period. Candidates who do not fulfill the requirements will not be considered.

We look forward to getting to know you better, and encourage all qualified people to apply regardless of age, gender, gender expression, functional level or ethnic background.