



South Lincolnshire

Academies Trust

Careers Education

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Our Job of the week this week is a
Zoo Keeper



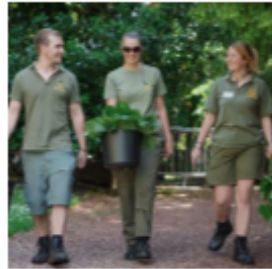
Job of the Week – Zoo Keeper

WHAT YOU DO

- Preparing food and feeding animals
- Cleaning out pens and cages and changing bedding
- Making sure animals live in as close to natural conditions as possible
- Checking for signs of distress or disease and caring for sick animals
- Checking enclosures and cages for signs of wear or damage
- Monitoring conditions like temperature and humidity
- Keeping daily healthcare records on paper and computer giving educational talks to children and adults

WHAT YOU WEAR

A uniform will usually be provided
Climate dependant



WORKING CONDITIONS

Outside in all weather,
some inside paper work
and report writing

WORKING HOURS

37-40
including shift work and
weekends

ANNUAL LEAVE

28 Days

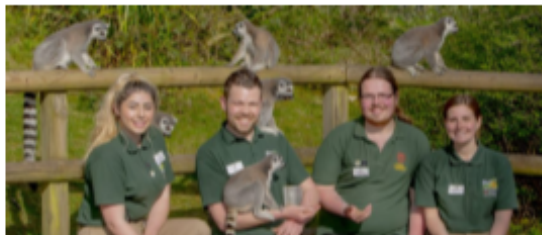
ANNUAL INCOME

Starter £12,000
Experienced £25,000



SKILLS REQUIRED

- The ability to work well with others
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- The ability to use your initiative
- The ability to work well with your hands
- To be flexible and open to change
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Customer service skills
- To be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device



EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

College: 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English, Maths and Science

- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management
- Level 3 Diploma in Animal Care or Animal Science

University: 1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma or 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, (including a science) for a degree in:

- Animal or zoo management
- Animal behaviour and welfare
- Zoology or marine zoology
- Animal conservation and biodiversity
- Veterinary science
- Biology

• **Apprenticeship:** 4/5 GCSE grades 4-9 including English and Maths depending on apprenticeship level

Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

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Animal care services occupations n.e.c.

Workers in this unit group care for animals held in kennels, stables, zoos and similar establishments, provide specialised training, grooming, clipping and trimming services for animals, and searches for and captures stray or nuisance dogs in public areas and perform a variety of animal care tasks not elsewhere classified in MINOR GROUP 613: Animal Care and Control Services.

Common tasks in this job:

- feeds, washes, grooms, trims and exercises animals;
- cleans animals' quarters and renews bedding as necessary;
- houses, feeds, exercises, trains, grooms horses, dogs and other animals in preparation for entry to shows, races and other events;
- checks animals for illness, treats minor ailments or calls for vet if further treatment is required;

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Biological scientists and biochemists

Biological scientists and biochemists examine and investigate the morphology, structure, chemistry and physical characteristics of living organisms, including their inter-relationships, environments and diseases.

Common tasks in this job:

- studies the physical and chemical form, structure, composition and function of living organisms;
- identifies and studies the chemical substances, including microbial infections, involved in physiological processes and the progress of disease;
- performs tests to study physiological and pathological characteristics within cells and other organisms;
- researches the effects of internal and external environmental factors on the life processes and other functions of living organisms;

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Veterinary nurses

Veterinary nurses provide assistance to veterinarians in the treatment and care of sick or injured animals.

Common tasks in this job:

- assists the veterinary surgeon during surgical and medical treatments of animals;
- prepares operating theatre, sterilises equipment and assists in theatre as required;
- dispenses and administers medication and applies dressings to animals under direction from the veterinarian;
- handles animals during treatment;

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To compare the Labour Market Information of different job roles that you might be interested in please visit the Careers section on the school website.

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Click on the website links to research the job role further:

[Zookeeper | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[How To Become A Zookeeper | Explore Jobs | UCAS](#)

[So you want to work in a zoo? | Chester Zoo](#)

[Zookeeper job profile | Prospects.ac.uk](#)

[How to Become a Zookeeper - International Career Institute UK
\(icieducation.co.uk\)](#)

[How To Become A Zookeeper | What Qualifications Do I Need To Be A
Zookeeper \(successatschool.org\)](#)