

Animal Care Solutions is seeking an experienced full-time or part-time Animal Care Technician (Zookeeper) to provide animal care and support services at the Calgary Zoo. The successful candidate will join a team of passionate and experienced individuals to provide animal care services to the animal collection of the Calgary Zoo.

Qualifications:

- A Bachelors degree in Zoology (or equivalent) or compensating experience
  - o Or, a Registered Animal Health Technologist
- Expected to have a superior knowledge in the care of zoological and wildlife species
- A minimum of three (3) years of experience working in animal care in a zoo
- A valid Class 5 Alberta Drivers licence
- Must be able to meet the specific requirements of the position
- Negative tuberculosis exposure testing
- Required vaccinations
- Ability to work inside and outside
- Ability to lift and carry 35kg's

Husbandry:

- Provide prescribed diets to a variety of collection animals, report dietary concerns or changes to supervisors, monitor
- Animal weight/score/body condition, suggest diet changes to supervisors
- Maintain approved organizational standards for exhibits and back of house areas through regular cleaning (shoveling, raking, hosing, sweeping, wiping, etc) and disinfection as prescribed in protocols, participation in the pest management
- Program, and the reporting of required facility and equipment maintenance or repair
- Provide prescribed treatments

Animal Welfare:

- Observe a variety of collection animals for deviations in normal physical or psychological behaviour, reporting changes to supervisors and veterinarians and completing timely documentation
- Monitor and measure environmental needs of collection animals
- Propose, implement and track appropriate behavioural training and enrichment for a variety of collection animals to encourage a range of natural species-specific behaviours and/or to meet specific husbandry goals for welfare improvement
- Provide the best standards of care for animals in the collection in accordance with established protocols and under the guidance of supervisors and curators

Administration:

- Complete accurate and detailed electronic daily records which provide vets and supervisors with important information about collection health and welfare, ongoing treatments, changes to the collection, etc.
- Complete a variety of checklists, reports and other documentation specific to the work site and/or animal collection as assigned
- Submit work orders after consultation with supervisors

Public Interaction and Education:

- Support the zoo mission, inspiring action to sustain wildlife and wild places
- Provide talks and demonstrations including but not limited to organizational and educational messaging
- Host behind the scenes tours or programs as directed
- Respond to or escalate general public inquiries

Practical Skill Development:

- Under the direction and supervision of an experienced supervisor or senior technician, assist with the execution of animal capture and restraint for veterinary procedures, shipments, transfers, or other complex procedures
- Development of a variety of non-animal specific skills including but not limited to: vehicle training, hay identification, chemical application, plant identification, water quality testing, computer skills, etc.

Compensation:

- Dependent on experience
- Competitive health and dental package
- Opportunities for growth and advancement

Animal Care Solutions is part of the Animal Care Centre of Strathmore. We provide top quality animal care services, "Because We Care." We are passionate about the animals in our care and the people on our teams. We are able to support and directly contribute to wildlife conservation in Alberta and Canada, which makes us very proud!

Job Type: Full-time Term until May 2022