Position: Animal Care Internship

This position will give the individual the opportunity to gain experience working with animals in the onsite Animal Experience centre. Working as part of the wider animal care team, the postholder will be required to deliver a high level of customer service to guests whilst also ensuring the health and well-being of the animals in the centre. The Animal Experience centre gives guests the chance to book feeding and petting sessions with the collection of domestic animals. These include rabbits, guinea pigs, pigmy goats, donkeys, ducks, chickens, the tropical bird aviary and our collection of lizards, snakes and insects.

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES**

This post holder reports to the Animal Experience Manager. The duties include:

* Taking care of the animals to ensure they are appropriately fed and cleaned to ensure their health and well-being.
* Maintaining appropriate records so that visitor sessions are managed on a rota and in a way that takes account of the animals’ needs for rest and quiet time.
* To undertake daily inspections of the animals to check for signs of illness or injury
* Feeding, exercising and grooming animals in line with instructions
* Supervising guest sessions to ensure the safety and well-being of the animals and the visitors.
* Maintaining a check and inspection of housing and pens to ensure there is no damage to property, no risk of animal escape and that areas are clean, hygienic and free of rubbish.
* Under the direct supervision of the Animal Experience Manager help with any medical care to an animal, including the giving of medication or other necessary treatment.
* To ensure that reasonable care is taken at all times for the health, safety and welfare of yourself and other persons and to comply with policies and procedures relating to health and safety.

**QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS**

Predicted 4 GCSEs including English, Maths and Science at grade 4 or above, though consideration will be given to candidates with lower grades who demonstrate a keen interest in considering further training in this area.

Applicants should have good communication, organisation and practical numeracy skills.

Candidates attending an interview are advised to make the interviewer aware of any work experience (in person or virtual) they may have undertaken. This could include working with friends or family or on projects they have undertaken personally that demonstrate skills that would make them suitable for working with animals. This position would provide a valuable work experience opportunity for individuals thinking about veterinary training in the future.

**APPLICAT1ON:**Applications must include letter of application and CV.