

# Education Animal Volunteers

The new WILD Centre will house a number of live animals for use in our WILD Sessions. This will include a variety of small domestic mammals, as well as reptiles, invertebrates and other exotics. As a Zoo, we want to ensure that our animals have the very best care to meet their needs, and this includes having dedicated volunteers to help maintain these standards.

## Duties

Cleaning out cages/ runs/ tanks

Food preparation and feeding/ watering

Checking temperatures/ humidity of exotic animals and adjusting according to instructions

Handling of most animals

Grooming and basic medical examinations when required

Training of some animals

Maintaining daily notes on each animal (any health issues, medication, enrichment etc)

Cleaning of food preparation areas and floors

Ensuring there is enough feed/ bedding etc for the week and helping with an annual stock take

Assisting with Animal Care sessions with groups

Assisting with Animal Handling sessions with groups (both on and off site)

## Timings

Initially volunteers will work alongside the Education Officer Mon-Fri (ideally from 9am).

After training, there will be the opportunity for weekend work. Volunteers should be able to commit a minimum of 2 hours a week.

## Skills required

Good time keeping skills

Good communication skills

Interest in working with animals and maintaining welfare/ husbandry standards

Previous experience keeping/ working with small animals preferred

Good organisational skills

Ability to work independently and as part of a small team

## Health and Safety Requirements

Health and Safety training will be provided

All volunteer roles in the Education Department are subject to DBS checks. Volunteers must provide the Education Officer with the appropriate documentation when requested, prior to start date. Failure to comply with this will result in delayed start dates.

Volunteers are expected to be up-to-date with Tetanus

Gloves, goggles and aprons can be provided upon request

## Benefits

Discount in the café and shop when on duty

Free Admission to the Zoo when off duty for private study and research

Uniform on completion of 48 hours volunteering

Celebratory events