



Gondwana Park Zoo Keeper Career Growth

Volunteer keeper

Volunteer keepers learn valuable knowledge and skills in customer service, animal husbandry and zoo practices.

Experience: Not necessary, although experience in handling animals is desirable.

Education: Must be studying the Certificate III in Captive Animals, or recognised equivalent.

Trainee keeper

Trainee keepers assist in the day-to-day care of Gondwana Park Zoo's living collection.

Experience: Not necessary, although experience in handling animals is desirable.

Education: Must be studying or completed the Certificate III in Captive Animals, or recognised equivalent.

Keeper

Keepers are responsible for the day-to-day care of Gondwana Park Zoo's living collection. Duties include health, safety and hygiene of animals; food preparation; hygiene and safety of exhibits; horticulture, animal husbandry and maintenance of records. They have a good understanding of animal husbandry and zoo practices.

Experience: Minimum of 2 years in a trainee keeper role.

Education: Must have completed the Certificate III in Captive Animals, or recognised equivalent.

Senior keeper

Senior keepers have the required experience needed to specialise in the care and training of certain species at the zoo. Senior keepers work with the Gondwana Park Zoo Curator to coordinate other keeping staff.

Experience: Minimum 3–4 years in a keeper position.

Education: Must have completed the Certificate IV in Captive Animals, or recognised equivalent.

Curator

The Curator is responsible for developing, implementing and managing our animal collection, and leading our zoo's involvement in conservation, including crucial international species breeding programs.

Experience: Minimum 8 years in a senior keeper (or head keeper position in a zoo or aquarium), coupled with extensive and proven staff leadership experience.

Education: A tertiary qualification or post graduate qualification in Biology or Conservation Science.
