

Mammal Keeper

The Ellen Trout Zoo is looking for a motivated professional person to become part of our team as a Mammal Keeper. Examples of duties include all aspects of daily animal care and maintenance including cleaning, feeding, watering, observing, enclosure upkeep, propagation, monitoring health, medicating under veterinary supervision, record keeping, informal education exchanges with zoo guests, and other aspects of professional animal care and management.

This person must demonstrate good problem solving, written and oral communication, organizational and interpersonal skills. Other duties include plant care in and around exhibits and assisting with projects and coverage in other sections of the zoo.

Knowledge of mammalogy, including husbandry and exhibitry techniques, nutritional requirements, behavior, common diseases, capture and restraint and propagation methods. Ability to work independently and use initiative, maintain accurate records and write meaningful reports. Should be flexible and adaptable to working within the framework of a small zoo. Should have a respect for animals, professional attitude about the work and about working as a team member for the benefit of the animals.

Experience with hand tools, carpentry and plumbing are beneficial. Types of animals under the care of this person may include big cats, giraffes, rhinos as well as small primates and a varied collection of other mammals, birds, and reptiles. Physical aspects of the job include: lifting logs, rocks, hay bales, and feed bags; enclosure construction as well as maintaining the natural appearance of exhibits by placing logs, limbs, rocks, etc. in animal enclosures. The job requires standing, stooping, sitting, twisting, walking and lifting of feed sacks and hay bales (minimum of 25-70 pounds.)

Position requires Bachelor of Science degree in Biology or related field; good physical condition; ability to work as a team member with other employees and to present a positive professional image of the City of Lufkin and the Zoo to members of the public. The job involves working on weekends and holidays. The starting salary is \$24,792.60 annually. For more information about the Ellen Trout Zoo, please visit our website at www.ellentrouzoo.com. Submit a cover letter and resume to Celia Falzone, Ellen Trout Zoo, 402 Zoo Circle, Lufkin, TX 75904.