

Experienced lead keeper

(full-time, permanent)



Who are we?

Tangen zoo is a small, Balai accredited zoo, located about an hour north of Oslo, Norway. We are home to a variety of primates (such as crested black macaques), ungulates, birds, and we have a small reptile section. We are continually striving to improve our practices and are now looking for an experienced keeper as well as a lead keeper.

Your role

- Manage and motivate a small team of keepers
- Evaluate and identify health and safety concerns
- Daily husbandry: preparing and distributing food, maintaining enclosures
- Assist in veterinary treatments and implementation of preventative medicine programmes
- Observation and evaluation of animals, reporting any animal health concerns to the veterinarian
- Interact with visitors, answering questions; develop and implement animal presentations and our “keeper for a day” programme
- Training and supervising trainee keepers and volunteers

Essential qualifications

- Experience with and understanding of zoo animal husbandry, positive training and enrichment
- High standards in husbandry, cleanliness and hygiene
- Positive and professional attitude
- Excellent communication skills
- Genuine interest in animal welfare
- Ability to work independently as well as in a team
- Ability to prioritize work load and maximize resources
- Physical fitness appropriate to the position
- Willingness to evaluate current practice and to offer suggestions to help develop and improve
- Driver’s license cat B
- Good knowledge of English and/or a Scandinavian language

Preferred qualifications

- Qualification in animal husbandry, zoology, or a related field
- Experience with positive training of (zoo) animals
- Driver’s license cat C/CE
- First aid training or willingness to be trained as first-aider
- Experience with and willingness to use (power) tools, do small repairs
- Willingness to engage in Tangen Zoo’s public relations management (newsletter, social media)

What we offer

- A possibility to make your mark on a small zoo that is striving to develop and improve its current practice and to offer a fun and educational experience to visitors
- Onsite accommodation is available
- Working hours: 37.5 hours per week

Are you our new colleague with the can-do attitude? Please send your cover letter and CV to isabelle@tangendyrepark.no. Application deadline 17 October. Early applications are advised.