

Animal Section Head

Location: Hogshaw Farm and Wildlife Park MK18 3LA

Salary: 28K – 30K dependant on age & experience. 42.5 hours a week.

Job Type: Full-time, Permanent

About Us: Hogshaw Farm and Wildlife Park is a growing 44-acre site, home to over 250 animals. We are embarking on an exciting phase of development and are seeking a passionate and experienced individual to lead our Farm & Wildlife department.

Role Purpose: The successful candidate will oversee the day-to-day operations of our diverse animal collection, including rare breed farm stock, European wildlife species, reptiles, small mammals, and birds of prey. This hands-on role will play a key role in enhancing our enclosures, developing our collection plan, focusing on conservation and research into our European and rare breed species whilst enriching our animal experiences and daily encounters.

Key Responsibilities:

- Manage and care for our rare breed farm stock, ensuring preventative treatments and seasonal birth planning.
- Train and develop birds of prey and European wildlife species for public interactions.
- Inspire and lead a team of keepers, students, and volunteers with a hands-on approach.
- Communicate effectively with staff, peers, and the public.
- Ensure high standards of hygiene, animal welfare, and record-keeping.
- Maintain and improve animal enclosures and public areas.
- Manage animal diets, health monitoring, and medication administration.
- Adhere to and promote Health and Safety protocols and emergency procedures.
- Engage with social media and develop educational and engaging animal experiences for visitors.

Essential Requirements:

- Minimum 5 years of experience in a zoological and/or farm park setting.
- Preferred 3 years of experience in training birds of prey.
- DMZAA or equivalent qualification.
- Proficiency with ZIMS cataloguing system.
- Excellent communication and time management skills.
- Strong leadership and team management abilities.
- Full driving licence and own transportation due to remote location.
- Basic DIY competence and willingness to learn.

Why Join Us?

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Join our small, dynamic team at a crucial stage of our development. Lead from the front, getting hands on to shape a department that is integral to our mission of conservation and education. With this exciting role you will also benefit from:

- Free or subsidised meals on duty.
- Discounts in all our retail & catering outlets
- Free tickets & discounted tickets
- Regular staff social events.
- Work in a family run business who understand work-life balance and care.
- Regular training and development opportunities.

Apply Now: If you are a proactive, detail-oriented, and enthusiastic individual with a passion for animal welfare and public engagement, we want to hear from you! To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter outlining your experience and suitability for the role to chris@hogshawfarm.co.uk

Full job description available upon request.