

Potoroo Palace Senior Keeper

Potoroo Palace Native Animal Education Sanctuary is looking for an experienced and exceptional Senior Keeper on a part time basis to join our team, reporting to the Head Keeper and to the Directors.

This role will be working with a range of native animals, including mammals, reptiles and birds. The successful applicant will have a demonstrative ability of exceptional animal husbandry in one of these taxa as well as a background in conservation work. This role will include weekend and public holiday work. Potoroo Palace is a small not-for-profit educational sanctuary, located on the Far South Coast of NSW. It brings together a range of native animals many of whom have been rescued and are unreleasable. We aim to not only provide the best care and positive welfare for our animals but to also educate visitors, raising awareness in the importance of conservation.

Role and Responsibility

- Daily care and husbandry of animals, including diet preparation, observation, record keeping.
- Carrying out preventative health programs for animals under your care and delivering any other medications required.
- Supporting the Head Keeper in the day to day operations of the sanctuary.
- Providing public presentations to a high standard with a strong focus on environmental awareness.
- Supervising staff and volunteers.
- Maintaining exhibits to a high standard.
- Following and assisting with introduction and breeding plans.

Essential Skills and Qualifications

- Certificate 3 in Captive Animal Management or equivalent
- Minimum 3 years paid experience working at a zoological institution or equivalent with exceptional animal handling and husbandry skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Strong customer service skills
- Experience in conservation work
- Exceptional public presentation skills
- Experience supervising staff and volunteers
- Firearms license or the ability to get one
- Experience with hand tools and maintenance of exhibits
- Time management skills
- Flexibility, professional attitude and a willingness to step outside the box
- High level of physical fitness and strength
- Current unrestricted full manual driver's license.

Desirable

- Experience with captive animal breeding programmes.
- To be able to demonstrate a genuine passion for care of the environment and conservation values.

If you have the above skills and are looking for rewarding and purposeful employment, please send us your resume and cover letter to Lea Pinker at: lea@potoroopalace.com

Applications close: 19th April 2018.