

Position Vacant 2018

Department: PHOTOGRAPHY
Job title: WILD EXPERIENCE OFFICER – PART TIME
Applications open: THURSDAY 09TH AUGUST 2018

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS) is located on the Southern end of Gold Coast. We are the largest attraction within the National Trust of Australia (Queensland) portfolio and feature a vibrant and varied collection of Australian Wildlife and Non-Native Exotics located one block back from beautiful Currumbin beach. Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is currently seeing an energetic and experienced Wildlife Handler / Presenter with excellent customer service, animal training and husbandry skills to become a core member of our Animal Experiences Team.

The team holds responsibility for the design and delivery of guest interactions /photographic memories for our visitors with our collection Animals. This role will involve training and conditioning of animals, animal handling, as well as hosting small to large group presentations. The successful candidate will be someone that has an innovative approach to excellent customer service and a high level of general wildlife knowledge and skills.

Details about this Position:

This role will be to deliver an engaging and professional animal encounter to showcase our animal collection and educate guests about animal conservation in a fun and intractable manner.

- Hosting small to large group presentations and participating in wildlife photo sessions in our green screen studio.
- Use your animal training and customer service expertise to promote and perform daily one-on-one animal encounter experiences, meeting daily photography and product sales quotas.
- Delivering and presenting information about Wildlife including mammals, reptiles and birds to provide a memorable experience.
- This role will involve training/ conditioning wildlife and animal handling as well as animal husbandry, animal health, exhibit maintenance, keeper talks and other duties as required.
- This is a Permanent Part Time Position working a minimum of 16 hours per week.
- This is an outdoor role in a non-smoking environment.
- Weekend work will be required on a rotating roster. Work over all holiday periods will be required. Extra hours may be offered subject to business needs.
- The successful applicant may be required to provide a satisfactory police check clearance.
- Pay rate and conditions under the Amusements, Events & Recreation Award 2010.
- Non-smokers are preferred.

Selection Criteria:

1. Must hold Cert 3 in Captive Animal Management or an equivalent / higher qualification.
2. Ability to deliver professional, entertaining, informative and engaging public performances, able to work from both scripts or deliver unscripted presentations to small groups of all ages & nationalities is essential.
3. High level of energy, communication skills and teamwork skills.
4. Proven previous experience in training and keeping for animals and a strong working knowledge of operant conditioning is essential.
5. Ability to work with a variety of all species including birds of prey, parrots, reptiles, and mammals is essential.
6. You must be a hardworking, friendly & cooperative person: a 'can-do' attitude is a key part of the job.
7. Appearance and behaviour to be of an acceptable standard to work in public areas in a tourism organisation. You will be expected to engage in a professional, friendly and courteous manner towards all Sanctuary visitors.
8. Knowledge of the attractions and products of Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary would be advantageous.
9. Has availability to work a flexible roster, which will include weekends and holiday periods.
10. First aid qualifications would be an advantage.
11. Appropriate fitness to walk long distances, stand for long periods and ability to carry / support up to 10kg for a prolonged period.

How to Apply

Your application should include your resume plus a brief cover letter stating how you meet the Selection Criteria. Please email your application to this email address: employment@cws.org.au.

Thank you.