

Career of the Month: Zookeeper



Minimum qualifications

a certificate of further education



Typical salary (with experience)

£15 – 20k



Competition for places

High



Demand for this role

Low

You could work in a zoo, safari or wildlife park or aquarium where you will care for animals (ranging from mammals to birds, reptiles to amphibians, fish to invertebrates) and their surroundings.

Useful skills and qualities:

A good problem solver

A team player

Happy working alone

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Related interests:

Sciences

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Things to consider



Little progression opportunity

This can be difficult work to enter and progress in.



Low earnings or unstable income

The financial rewards can be small.



Can specialise

You will be working with some unusual or exotic animals, with some opportunity to specialise.



Exciting projects/opportunities

The role of zoos as centres of breeding and supporting conservation has increased recently, so you could undertake important work.



Varied work

A variety of tasks with lots of different animals can keep the job interesting.

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