

ZOO SUPERVISOR

KIND OF WORK

Supervisory work in animal management.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Under general supervision, an employee in this class supervises skilled zookeepers, interpretive naturalists, and others; manages care of an animal collection and/or exhibit habitat areas. Performs related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Provides supervision and leadership to an assigned work area, i.e., Birds, Bird Show, Marine Mammal, Tropics, Farm, Aquarium, Life Support, Mammals, and Horticulture.

Supervises Zoologists, Zookeepers, Farmkeepers, Interpretive Naturalists, Student Workers, Interpretive Guides, interns, and volunteers.

Implements clinical animal health programs, in coordination with veterinary staff.

Designs, implements, and evaluates animal management, exhibit, and interpretive programs.

Assures safety of animals, staff, and public through development and implementation of rules and regulations, training, and emergency response.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

Applied biology, zoology, plant and animal husbandry

Philosophy, goals, and objectives of the Minnesota Zoological Garden

Technical knowledge in all areas of captive animal management

Understanding of animal behaviors, natural habitats, ecology, and conservation

Skill in:

All aspects of animal husbandry; hand rearing; behavioral observation; animal handling and restraint; drug administration; record keeping; diet preparation and monitoring; animal enrichment and behavior modification activities; propagation planning; exhibit and animal holding sanitation, modification, and maintenance;

Short and long-term planning;

Team leading.

Ability to:

Communicate clearly, both verbally and in writing.

Operate a variety of equipment including pumps, filters, power tools, motorized equipment, and computers.

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Former Title(s):