

BE A ZOO KEEPER - Health & Safety Checklist

Please read the following Health and safety Checklist and complete and sign the declarations below, Thank you. Please hand this to the Keeper you are shadowing on the day.
Failure to complete this form may result in cancellation of the day.

- All participants must comply with the minimum age requirement:
Cats Section min 16yrs, Primate, Giraffe. & Bird Sections min 14yrs.
- This experience should not be undertaken by expectant mothers, new mothers of less than six months and persons with depressed immune systems.
- The experience may not be suitable for people with severe allergies to fur, feathers, dust or animal bedding.
- Please ensure that you wear clothing suitable for working with animals and which you don't mind getting dirty. Clothing should not be very loose fitting as this can get caught on doors and equipment and be grabbed by animals.
- Please also ensure that your clothing is appropriate for the time of year and forecast weather. You will be working outside in all weathers.
- Suitable footwear such as walking boots, work boots or wellington's should be worn
- No jewellery other than ear studs is permitted. Long hair should be tied back.
- Existing cuts and abrasions on exposed skin must be covered with waterproof dressings and you must wear the disposable gloves provided when instructed.
- Smoking, eating or drinking is only allowed in designated areas.
- Do not eat any of the food intended for the animals.
- Hands should be washed at every opportunity, especially before eating, drinking or smoking and before leaving the site.
- During your visit you should avoid putting your face close to the animals and never place your fingers in your mouth during the visit.
- You should remain in close contact with the Zoo Keeper you are working with and never wander off.
- You must never enter an animal enclosure without specific instruction from the Zoo Keeper.

- You must not touch, stroke or pet an animal unless told that it is acceptable to do so by the Zoo Keeper.
- Any accident or injury must be reported to the Zoo Keeper immediately so that appropriate action can be taken and first aid provided.
- In the event of an emergency you should follow the instructions of a Keeper, if you become separated go to the nearest building and report to a staff member.
- If any breaks are taken apart from the Zoo Keeper you must arrange to meet up again in a public area of the site at a set time. You must not re-enter the off-show areas of the Zoo unaccompanied.
- No animals, other than assistance dogs, are allowed to be brought onto the site.
- Photos will be taken of your Experience, and may be used in the future for Press & Publicity purposes. If you would prefer us not to use the photos taken, then please inform us in writing.

Please answer the following questions and the sign the document.

Date of last tetanus immunization? -----

Do you have any allergies? -----

Do you suffer from any medical conditions we should be aware of? If so, please give full details (all information is treated in strict confidence)

Contact name and telephone number in case of emergency on the day

Name:-----Tel No: -----

I have read and understood the health and safety checklist and agree to abide by these rules and conditions.

Signed
(Parent or Guardian if under 16yrs)

Date: