



EMERGENCY APPOINTMENT OPPORTUNITY ANIMAL KEEPER (4304)

SALARY \$57,378.24 - \$83,812.32 annually

(The current salary range is subject to change. You may confirm the starting salary with the hiring department before accepting a job offer.)

SCHEDULE

Five (5) days a week between Sunday and Saturday; Regular days off will vary per position

Hours vary between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Please confirm prior to accepting a position as schedules may change at any time for operational needs.*

LOCATION Los Angeles Zoo – 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027

DUTIES / JOB DESCRIPTION

These positions will fill 5-day ape keeper vacancies in the Ape/Old World Monkeys section. They require candidates with strong commitment to working with a team of keepers and supervisors in the best interests of the needs of the animals in this section. In addition, strong training background is desired, as training for husbandry and medical management is essential to provide the best possible care to the animals. As 5-day ape keeper in this section you will work primarily with the chimpanzees, but will also be trained on the Gibbon, African Primate, Gorilla, and Orangutan strings, and will be scheduled if needed throughout the section.

The ideal candidates would exhibit qualities such as being effective team member, while also being proficient in working independently with proper time management. Effective communicator is a must with seniors, keepers and veterinarian staff verbally, on ZIMS, reports and emails. Candidates would be expected to understand approaches in operant conditioning, enrichment, animal welfare evaluations, and general and specialized animal husbandry. Identifying, collecting, and processing browse is an essential duty of this position.

REQUIREMENTS / MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. The equivalent of one year of full-time paid experience (2,080 hours) in the care and maintenance of exotic animals with a facility similar to the Los Angeles Zoo whose core function is the exhibition of a variety of exotic animals; **or**
2. (a) Successful completion of the Animal Keeper Training program conducted by the Los Angeles Zoo; **or**

(b) An equivalent program at an accredited school or college providing classroom and field work on the basic structure and function of exotic animals; basic nutritional requirements; recognition of the symptoms of animal diseases; sanitation measures; and aspects of animal behavior.



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HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should email an updated resume or a completed City application to lazoo.personnel@lacity.org and the subject line must include:

“EMG ANIMAL KEEPER (APES/OWM) APPLICATION.”

Resumes and/or applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026, or until sufficient applications have been received.

EMERGENCY APPOINTMENT

An emergency appointment is not a regular appointment. It is a temporary appointment which does not require that you successfully compete in the Civil Service examination process. The appointment may not exceed one year and must be terminated immediately when a regular appointment can be made from an eligible list. (City Charter Section 1013).



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OUR VISION

Creating a just and sustainable world where people and wildlife thrive, together.

OUR MISSION

Through the passion of our team, the Los Angeles Zoo is leading the way in saving wildlife and connecting Angelenos to the natural world by providing exemplary animal care, delivering distinctive and diverse learning opportunities, and creating unforgettable experiences.

Saving Wildlife. Enriching Our Communities. Creating Connections to Nature.

ABOUT THE ZOO

The Los Angeles Zoo property comprises 133 acres and is home to more than 1,500 mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles representing more than 250 different species, 64 of which are endangered.

The Zoo is owned and operated by the City of Los Angeles. The Zoo is operated and staffed by City employees as well as employees from its partner organizations and sub-contractors. In total, they represent approximately 350 full and part-time Zoo/City employees, and approximately 400 volunteers. The Zoo is open 363 days each year (closed Thanksgiving and Christmas) and the annual attendance for the Zoo is approximately 1.5 million visitors.

On average, the Los Angeles Zoo welcomes almost 5,000 visitors a day with capacity days up to 10,000 or more visitors. Each year, more than 130,000 school group attendees also visit the Zoo.

COMMITMENT TO EQUITY

The Zoo Department is committed to equity in all forms, including a culture of respect among all employees as well as ensuring a welcoming and inclusive environment for all guests.



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