



PART-TIME JOB BULLETIN

ANIMAL KEEPER (4304)

CHILDREN'S ZOO SECTION

SALARY \$ 28.55 Hourly

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

SCHEDULE

Days off and shift schedule vary depending on operational needs; start time is typically between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.; Hours are limited to the allocated budget for each fiscal year but may not exceed 900 hours in a service year.

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

DUTIES / JOB DESCRIPTION

This temporary keeper will be assigned as a Demand Keeper within the Children's Zoo section and may also be assigned to other areas of the zoo as needed. This position requires the ability to work effectively in a variety of fast-paced, detail-oriented situations. The Children's Zoo includes a diverse range of animal care responsibilities, including the Contact Area and the Children's Zoo string, which includes pinnipeds.

The ideal candidate should have a strong background in animal training and husbandry, be comfortable with public speaking, have excellent communication skills, maintain a positive attitude, and work effectively both independently and as part of a team.

Daily responsibilities will include routine animal care, cleaning, feeding, behavioral observations, and enrichment, as well as participation in multiple animal training sessions throughout the day. The keeper may also be responsible for occasional public presentations.

The successful candidate must be adaptable and able to prioritize tasks while maintaining a high level of attention to detail and animal welfare standards. SCUBA certification is desired.

This is an at-will exempt intermittent position which can be terminated at any time without cause and a temporary assignment and employment ends on June 30, 2027.



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REQUIREMENTS

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. Successful completion of the Animal Keeper Training program conducted by the Los Angeles Zoo; **or**
3. 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; **or**
4. Current status as an Animal Care volunteer with the Los Angeles Zoo; **or**
5. Current employment as a Special Program Assistant II in the Commissary or Education Specialist with the Education Division; **and**
6. Must have a background in caring for exotic reptiles/amphibians/fish and invertebrates, and a willingness to work in cramped hot spaces with a team.
7. Must possess valid CA Driver's License at the time of hire.

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 **"PT ANIMAL KEEPER (CHILDREN'S ZOO)."** Resumes and/or applications must be received **by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2026**, or until sufficient applications have been received.



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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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