



# Wilhelma

## Zoologisch-Botanischer Garten Stuttgart

### Zoo Animal Care (f/m/d)

#### Aquaristics Section Leader (Full-time)

The Wilhelma in Stuttgart is a zoological and botanical garden with approximately 11,000 animals across 1,200 species, making it one of the largest zoos globally. Additionally, 8,500 plant species flourish in its historic park and greenhouses. With over 1.8 million visitors annually, Wilhelma ranks among the most popular attractions in southern Germany. Owned by the state of Baden-Württemberg, the zoo is currently seeking an **Aquaristics Section Leader (f/m/d)** to start on **January 1, 2025**, to oversee **freshwater** and **marine exhibits**, and **California sea lions**.

To strengthen our organisation, we are seeking an experienced and team-oriented individual with a **strong passion for aquatic environments**. The ideal candidate will enjoy applying and evolving modern practices in animal care and have expertise in creating animal-friendly habitats. This position offers a unique opportunity for the new section leader to bring their experience and insights into the management of various aquatic exhibits, contributing to the continuous improvement of our facility.

#### Your main tasks:

- Feeding, care and monitoring of the animals kept in your area
- Further development of animal husbandry, taking into account the current state of knowledge
- Implementation and continuous evaluation of natural enrichment for all animals, and targeted medical training.
- Animal health monitoring and assistance with veterinary treatments
- Personnel management, including employee evaluations and training of animal care staff
- Development and coordination of the section's internal duty roster
- Active participation in public relations (feeding, demonstrations, guided tours, events)

## Job Requirements:

- Fully trained zoo animal keeper
- Several years of proven experience in zoo animal care, especially within the care of aquatic animals and plants as well as their life-support systems
- Experience in the care of marine mammals (desirable)
- Experience in the field of occupational safety and in dealing with dangerous animals
- Knowledge and experience of animal training and enrichment
- Experience in personnel management and a willingness to take on leadership responsibilities
- Social skills and a high level of commitment
- Ability to cooperate and work in a team within your own section and in cooperation with other sections and departments, such as the Wilhelma School
- Organisational skills and personal responsibility
- A business-oriented mind-set and understanding of overall operational contexts
- Basic technical understanding and manual skills
- Willingness to engage in ongoing professional development and further training.
- Knowledge of German is not required, as long as you can communicate proficiently in English and are open to learning German.

The position is rated according to the collective agreement for state employees (**salary group 8**) and is permanent. Disabled applicants will be given preference if they are equally qualified. Full-time positions are generally divisible. In the interest of professional equality, applications from women are encouraged.

Can we inspire you to take on this prominent role? Apply now through our **online application portal**, quoting the reference number: **2024-35-RL-Aquarium**

**<https://bewerberportal.landbw.de/wilhelma>**

Application deadline: **13.11.2024**

We would like to inform you that your application data and documents will be deleted or destroyed after the selection process has been completed.

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