



Wilhelma

Zoologisch-Botanischer Garten Stuttgart

Zoo Animal Care (f/m/d)

Great Apes 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 a **Great Apes Section Leader (f/m/d)** to start on **January 1, 2025**.

To strengthen our organisation, we are looking for an experienced and team-oriented individual with a keen understanding of great apes, who enjoys continuous development and the implementation of modern animal care methods. Someone who is attentive to both the group dynamics and the unique personalities of each ape. The section includes gorillas and bonobos, as well as Japanese macaques, geladas, rock hyraxes, and Barbary sheep.

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 great apes
- Experience in the field of occupational safety and in dealing with dangerous animals
- Expertise and experience in animal training (including developing training plans) and animal 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: **2024-33-RL-Primaten**

<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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