



KÖLNER ZOO

## Job advertisement

### Cologne Zoo - passionate for animals!

Cologne Zoo is one of the oldest and most popular zoos in Germany. Founded in 1860, it welcomes more than a million guests every year. With more than 11.000 animals from over 800 different species Cologne Zoo is one of the species-richest zoos in Europe. It combined highest expertise about the animals living here and encourages awareness and action for the conservation of their relatives living in the wild. Cologne Zoo is involved in numerous species conservation projects around the world.

AG Zoologischer Garten Köln (Cologne Zoo) is looking for a trained and certified

### **Zoo animal keeper (m,f,d).**

for the **primate section** (focus on Madagascar section), starting ASAP.

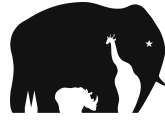
You are suitable if you have successfully completed your qualification as a zoo animal keeper and you already have experience and expertise in keeping primates.

Cologne Zoo is famous for keeping a diverse and exciting primate collection, starting from pygmy marmosets, golden lion tamarins through to bonobos, orang utans and gorillas, together with diet specialists like king colobus, Coquerel's sifakas and greater bamboo lemurs. The majority of our primates is threatened with extinction in the wild and we are actively participating in the EAZA Ex-situ Breeding Programmes (EEPs), some of which are (co-)ordinated here. We are actively supporting and involved in several Malagasy in situ conservation projects. In our Madagascar House, where you will work predominantly, you will not only look after lemurs, but also other Malagasy animal groups.

In addition to the general animal care tasks - such as food preparation, cleaning of animal enclosures, behavioral enrichment of the primates and medical training - we expect you to work creatively and team-oriented in the design and furnishing of animal facilities. We attach particular importance to constantly improving quality of our animal husbandry and increasing the attractiveness of the particular zoo section both in the public area and behind the scenes. This includes, amongst others, the performance of commented feedings and guided tours.

Experience in the field of primate care, their breeding and training, as well as flexible and inventive behavioral enrichment is particularly advantageous. Furthermore, you should be willing to do minor craftsman work. Flexibility is a matter of course to you, so that you are able to assist in other areas of our Zoo in case of holiday or sickness cover.

If you can work independently as well as in a team, enjoy interacting with people and animals, have the necessary organizational talent and see yourself as a service provider, we look forward to your application. Basic German skills (e.g. A1 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) is favourable, and the willingness to learn German is compulsory. Applicants from non-EU and non-EEA states can only be accepted in rare cases. We cannot cover moving costs.



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We offer performance-linked, qualification-based payment according to the TVöD (collective agreement for the German public service, accessible online) with associated company pension scheme and a future-proof employment. In the first instance, the position is a temporary position for one year. An extension of the contract and progression to a permanent contract is possible.

Take the chance to find a challenging and fulfilling new position in one of the most beautiful zoos in Germany and apply with your meaningful application documents (e.g. motivation letter, CV, certificates, references) by e-mail until 13/10/2024 to: [pa@koelnerzoo.de](mailto:pa@koelnerzoo.de).

Please include a detailed description of your zoo keeper education, if possible with certificate and list of modules, as these may not be the same as in Germany.

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