

*Working at Burgers' Zoo. A special and unique workplace in advance, where we have been doing our best to add value to society and dedicate ourselves to nature conservation for 112 years. With heart and soul, we are constantly working to amaze, inspire and give people a deeper awareness of the nature around us. We do this together, in our family business, with all our employees. It is hard work for better nature conservation and here you are truly significant. Immerse yourself in wonder and pass it on to others. Because here you are contributing to a greater cause, in whatever role. Together for nature conservation! Will you join us? For the Ocean department, we are currently looking for a*

## Head Aquarist

(38 hours contract)

As Head Aquarist, you will be responsible for managing and motivating the staff and, together with your team, you will take care of our extensive collection of animals and the day-to-day running of our Ocean. You are cooperating head, point of contact for the department and an important link in the collaboration with various departments. In short, an incredibly varied job.

### What will you be doing?

- optimising animal welfare, filter technology, water quality and animal health;
- daily management and development of employees and team;
- efficient planning of employees and organisation of work, including the planning and work of the Burgers' Zoo diving team of which you are a member;
- critical eye for accommodation, safety and instruction. You will provide input and suggestions for improvement.

### What do you have to offer?

- vocational college or Bachelor of Science Degree;
- extensive work experience (at least 5-10 years) in a zoo and/or aquarium, management experience is an advantage;
- a leadership style your team can count on: clear, fair and inspiring;
- ability to respond to changes in the field and be solution-oriented;
- completed diving training and experience is a plus;
- a diving medical examination is part of the procedure.

### Welcome to the family!

Here you work at a family business. A company that is independent, where committed people work and where the management knows and greets you by name. You can expect the following from us:

- Informal introduction day and a comprehensive induction programme. We will also help you grow in your work through training and mentoring.
- Information about what is happening in the park through news items and three-monthly meetings.
- Challenge, versatility and a lot of freedom in a unique environment with a great team.
- Good terms of employment, such as a salary in accordance with the zoo collective labour agreement, pension plan, transport allowance, employee benefits in our shop and catering establishments, admission benefits at a large number of zoos in the Netherlands, etc.
- Attention for you and your colleagues; we celebrate special moments together, build beautiful parties and we are there for you when you need us.

Can't wait to take on this new challenge? Write a motivation from your heart and mail it together with your CV to [solliciteren@burgerszoo.nl](mailto:solliciteren@burgerszoo.nl) by 20 June 2025 at the latest. We publish this vacancy both internally and externally.