

*Working at Burgers' Zoo. A special and unique workplace, where we have been doing our best for 113 years to add value to society and dedicate ourselves to nature conservation. With heart and soul, we are constantly working to amaze and inspire people and give them a deeper appreciation of the nature around us. We do this together, in our family-run business, with all our employees. It's hard work for better nature conservation, and here you truly make a difference. Immerse yourself in wonder and share it with others. Because here, you contribute to a greater cause, whatever your role. Together for nature conservation! Will you join us? Burgers' Zoo has one of the largest public aquariums in Europe, including a unique coral reef ecosystem aquarium that ranks among the largest in the world. For our unique Ocean, we are looking for a*

## **Senior Aquarium Specialist Burgers' Ocean (38 h/w)**

As Senior Aquarium Specialist, you are responsible for the development, management, and motivation of our skilled and experienced aquarists. Together with the team, you care for our highly diverse and extensive collection of animals, including a unique collection of corals, with a strong focus on mastering and further developing all husbandry and filtration techniques. You will serve as the department's point of contact, acting as a key liaison in collaboration with various departments, and play a crucial role in the ongoing innovation of our world-leading Ocean exhibit. In short, this is an incredibly varied and challenging position.

### **What else will you be doing?**

- Optimizing animal welfare, filtration technology, water quality, and animal health;
- Managing and developing employees and the team as a whole, as well as the diving team, where the safety of people and animals is crucial;
- Taking a critical look at enclosures, safety, and training. You will provide input and suggestions for improvement in this regard.

### **What do you bring to the table?**

- A completed and relevant degree at the minimum associate's level, preferably in animal management, animal sciences, or (marine) biology;
- Extensive work experience (at least 5–10 years) in an aquarium, given the complexity of this ecosystem; and, since you will be leading a team of specialized aquarists, leadership experience is a plus;
- A leadership style your team can rely on: clear, fair and inspiring;
- The ability to adapt to changes in the field and be solution-oriented;
- Completed diving training and diving experience;
- A diving medical examination is part of the procedure.

### **Welcome to the family!**

Here, you'll be working at a family-owned business. An independent company staffed by dedicated people, where management knows you by name and greets you. Here's what you can expect from us:

- An informal orientation day and a comprehensive onboarding program.
- Updates on what's happening in the park through news bulletins and quarterly meetings.
- Challenge, variety, and plenty of freedom in a unique environment with a great team.
- Excellent benefits, including a salary in accordance with the Zoo Collective Bargaining Agreement, a pension plan, travel expense reimbursement, employee discounts in our shop and restaurants, and admission discounts to many animal parks in the Netherlands, etc.
- We care about you and your colleagues; we celebrate special moments together, throw great parties, and are there for you when you need us.

Can't wait to take on this new challenge? Then send us a heartfelt cover letter and your resume via our website <https://www.burgerszoo.nl/werkenbij> by April 10 at the latest. You can also email us at [soliciteren@burgerszoo.nl](mailto:soliciteren@burgerszoo.nl). We are posting this job both internally and externally.