

Zoo Keeper

What skills you need to do your job	You need to be patient, responsible and hardworking. You need to understand animal behaviour, work well in a team adaptable and be happy working outdoors in all weather.
What do you love about your job?	Building trust with the animals and watching them grow and learn. Every day is different and it's amazing to care for endangered species and see them thrive.
What's hard about your job?	The job can be physically demanding because there is lots of cleaning, carrying and preparing food.
Any tools you need for your job:	Tools like wheelbarrows, brushes and hoses for cleaning, as well as special feeding equipment and enrichment items to keep animals active and healthy.
Why your job matters for wildlife:	Get as much experience with animals as you can and never stop being curious. Working hard and showing commitment really matters in wildlife jobs.
Interesting fact about your job:	Zoo keepers don't just feed animals — we also make fun activities, like food puzzles and games, to keep animals active, busy and happy.
What subjects you enjoyed at school:	Science helped me understand how animals live and behave. P.E helped me stay fit and active and teamwork skills helped me work well with others.



Top tip for working with wildlife: Get as much experience with animals as you can and never stop being curious. Working hard and showing commitment really matters in wildlife jobs.