

Zoo Attendant II

DEFINITION

This is leadhand level work in animal care and maintenance at the Valley Zoo.

An employee of this class trains, supervises and participates in the day-to-day work of Zoo Attendant Is engaged in the feeding, custody, and care of animals, birds and other zoo inhabitants and in the maintenance of zoo grounds, buildings and facilities. Instructions are received through daily conferences with superiors and work is checked for conformance to established standards.

TYPICAL DUTIES*

Assigns, supervises and participates in the work of Zoo Attendant Is preparing food and special diets, feeding and distributing water, and bottle feeding young; ensures adherence to feeding schedules.

Makes daily inspections of the general health and well being of animals and if necessary suggests changes in diet.

Supervises the work of Zoo Attendant Is maintaining equipment and grounds, cleaning and disinfecting animal quarters, and cleaning and grooming animals.

Assists the Zoo Foreman in supervision of employees operating rides, collecting admission fees, etc.

Assists the Zoo Foreman in administering injections to sick animals and in use of the tranquilizer gun.

Orders supplies such as animal food, veterinary supplies, gas, oil, straw, and supplies needed for building and grounds maintenance; picks up supplies that are not delivered.

Monitors the recording of animal health and well being; prepares mileage reports for the zoo vehicle.

Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Considerable knowledge of animal husbandry.

Considerable knowledge of the custodial, feeding and minor veterinary requirements of animals and birds.

Ability to acquire knowledge of the habits and natural requirements of zoo animals.

Ability to understand and execute oral and written instructions.

Ability to deal courteously and tactfully with the public.

Ability to plan, assign and supervise the work of subordinates.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships as necessitated by work assignments.

Physical strength and agility to perform the work of the class.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Job Level

Completion of the tenth school grade. Three years experience in the care of zoo animals and birds, including demonstrated supervisory ability. Willingness to complete related courses recognized by the City of Edmonton, or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Possession of a Class 5 Alberta Motor Vehicle Operator's License.

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Salary Plan	<u>10M</u>	<u>10A</u>	<u>10B</u>	<u>10C</u>
Job Code	0041			
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