

Long Term Primate Care Volunteer

Job Title: Long Term Primate Care Volunteer

Contract: Full Time

Contract Type: 12 months

Hours: 37.5 hours week. Monday – Sunday, (5 days a week)

Location: The Monkey Sanctuary, St. Martin, Looe, Cornwall

Our long-term volunteer placement is unfunded but we provide accommodation and basic food for the duration of the placement.

About Wild Futures:

The Wild Futures is a charity that currently manages our Monkey Sanctuary which houses and cares for many species of primate. The majority of the residents are victims of the exotic pet trade in the UK.

The Role:

A long-term volunteer placement at Wild Futures enables individuals to gain valuable hands on experience caring for rescued primates at our sanctuary in Looe, Cornwall. Our placements run for twelve months and during this time you will be trained by experienced caregivers on how to look after a species of primate at our sanctuary. We currently have in our care capuchins, long tailed and Barbary macaques, marmosets and woolly monkeys. Aside from the primate care elements of the placement you will also get to contribute to the sanctuary on a wider scale learning about our campaign efforts, how to do basic maintenance for both our monkey territory and ground and gardens, participate in educational visits and support workshops for these, engaging with visitors to the site and learn to give informative public talks. We are looking for dedicated hard-working individuals with a passion for animal welfare who are looking to kick start a career in primate conservation.

Background & Qualifications:

Essentials:

- A passion for animal welfare
- Good communication skills, confident and articulate, fluent in English language
- Proven ability to multi-task and prioritise, remaining calm under pressure
- Physically fit and be able to work outdoors in all kinds of weather conditions
- Permission to volunteer in the UK
- Able to commit to a twelve-month volunteer placement
- Over 18 years of age at time of placement beginning

Desirable:

- Experience volunteering at an animal sanctuary
- Hold/working towards a degree in zoology or related field

WELCOME TO WILD FUTURES

The Wild Futures Sanctuary currently houses capuchin monkeys (*Cebus and Sapajus sp*), common marmosets (*Callithrix jacchus*), Macaques (*Macaca sp*) and woolly monkeys (*Lagothrix sp*). The majority of the residents are victims of the exotic pet trade in the UK.

Your Placement Title is: Long Term Primate Care Volunteer

Your role reports to: Operations Manager and Primate Care Coordinator. Please note that reporting lines may change from time to time in line with organisational changes. As a small team we always anticipate change.

Summary of Role:

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AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: *(additional responsibilities may be added as appropriate):*

Key Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ PRIMATE CARE:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ All aspects of daily care for the resident primates (diet preparation, feeding, preparing and giving medication, cleaning enclosures, creating enrichment)○ Monitoring the health and wellbeing of the primates in your care○ Caring for primates with specialist needs and various health conditions such as diabetes○ Conducting behavioural observations○ Record keeping using a database system○ Able to work around the animals in a respectful and calm
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	<p>manner</p> <p>VOLUNTEERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Helping to ensure short-term volunteers are provided with clear direction and instruction, guiding activities and behaviours ○ Inspiring short-term volunteers as a positive role model <p>EDUCATION/PR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speaking to members of the public on open days in an informative, positive and respectful manner as ambassadors of the Sanctuary <p>ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL DUTIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supports general grounds maintenance, household duties and territory maintenance as required <p>HEALTH & SAFETY & HR POLICIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Compliance with all relevant health and safety protocols, emergency procedures, risk assessments and safe working practices.
<p>Team Player:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Respect for and commitment to the vision, mission and values of Wild Futures ➤ Interacts positively with the team, respects the views and opinions of others and engages positively with people from a diverse range of backgrounds and cultures ➤ Sees where support may be required and openly offers and provides it ➤ Works collaboratively and builds positive working relationships ➤ Appreciates the bigger picture – pragmatic and reasoned ➤ Looks for common ground and goals to support the team ➤ Doesn't allow ego to undermine the success of the role ➤ Able to be flexible and adapt to new situations as they arise
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<p>Outcomes & Targets Associated with this role:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide a valuable contribution in developing and maintaining the high welfare standards of the Sanctuary ➤ Successful and collaborative working relationship with team and colleagues which supports the delivery of charity goals, objectives and vision. ➤ Become an independent caregiver of captive rescued primates