



Magdeburg Zoo maintains an excellent animal population with more than 700 individuals from 160 animal species, including many endangered or critically endangered species. Our mission: species conservation with everyday relevance, education through fascination, recreation through experiencing nature and research for understanding. We are committed to species conservation and participate in numerous EAZA ex-situ programmes and in-situ conservation projects. The implementation of the EAZA Best Practice Guidelines and the promotion of education and research are very important to us. In recent years, we have implemented extensive, near-natural enclosures for African elephants, ungulates, vultures, carnivores, primates and a wild animal release station, which offer our 300,000 annual visitors an exciting and fascinating zoo adventure. Only together can we preserve biodiversity! Support us in further developing and shaping Magdeburg Zoo.

We want to strengthen our team and are looking for a highly committed and motivated person to join us as soon as possible:

Veterinarian (m/f/d) full time

Your tasks:

- You will be responsible for animal and population management within the scope of veterinary medicine and the zoological curatorship
- Independent veterinary and prophylactic prevention and treatment of the animal population, including surgical and internal interventions and the implementation of distance injections/distance immobilisation
- You will carry out all associated activities in the laboratory and practice and maintain the zoo veterinary treatment database and central animal file via the computerised database „ZIMS“
- Maintaining the zoo veterinary equipment and facilities, including the veterinary medicine cabinet and documentation
- Management responsibility for a team of three specialists
- Participation in the future development of the zoo
- Instructing the animal care staff in veterinary matters
- Expert advice on occupational safety measures
- Participation in the planning and monitoring of feeding plans
- Organisation of animal transports
- Assisting with the planning and organisation of species conservation projects
- You will strategically develop the zoo and the animal population in accordance with EAZA standards, true to the motto „Species conservation worldwide on site“, with a focus on endangered species
- Scientific activity and research in the field of zoo animal medicine
- Co-ordination of research projects in the field of zoology
- National and international networking (e.g. with professional associations and other zoological institutions as well as with specialist research institutions and co-operation partners, locally and beyond)
- Assistance in the area of public relations (regarding questions from the field of science or veterinary medicine)
- Participation in in-company vocational training
- Responsibility for our zoo education programmes

Your profile:

You have a university degree in veterinary medicine and a license to practice veterinary medicine with a specialist veterinary qualification relevant to the zoo sector (German equivalent FTA) or a comparable qualification through several years of practical experience in the field of zoo and wildlife medicine or in the context of working in a zoo/animal park or a zoo-like institution.

What you should bring with you:

- Knowledge of the relevant legal provisions
- Competent in handling anesthetic weapons or willingness to acquire them
- Certificate of competence in handling large-caliber weapons or the willingness to acquire such a certificate
- Identification with the tasks of scientifically working zoological gardens
- Reliability and strong social skills as an empathetic leader
- Ability to organise, co-operate and work in a team
- High capacity and above-average flexibility as well as willingness to work outside normal working hours, in particular for on-call veterinary duties
- Willingness to work weekends and public holidays is a prerequisite
- Knowledge and use of relevant PC applications (incl. ZIMS for Medical)
- Excellent German working knowledge
- Willingness to participate in further training and to relocate to Magdeburg

We offer you these benefits:

- Exotic and attractive working environment in a recognised training facility with the opportunity to train as a zoo veterinarian
- a permanent position
- a salary based on pay group 14 of the public service pay scale, with specialist training corresponding to pay group 15
- annual special payment
- educational leave
- 30 days holiday and special days off in accordance with an existing company agreement
- Trust-based working hours and the possibility of time off in lieu
- You benefit from additional benefits (e.g. sick pay allowance and company pension scheme)
- Support for participation in national and international specialist and interdisciplinary further education and training courses
- Family-friendly employer (e.g. support with relocation, financial subsidy for childcare and a Zoo-Kindergarten in the immediate vicinity)
- Discount offers in our restaurant by our contractual partner Marché
- An independent and interesting area of responsibility

If you are interested in helping to further develop the zoo with your creative ideas and want to work together with more than 80 colleagues on our success, **then apply here by 6th September 2024:**



For further information and queries, please contact the

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