

Position: Manager, Animal Care  
Reports to: Manager, Facilities

## About Us

Children's Fairyland is a non-profit fairytale-themed park dedicated to providing a magical fantasy world where young children can create, imagine, play, and learn. The 10 acre park opened in 1950 and provides a way for children to learn through fairy tales, storybook sets, play-acting, gentle rides, arts and crafts, animals, puppet theatre and children's theatre programs. Fairyland serves over 220,000 guests per year, Children's Fairyland is a valuable community resource that promotes literacy and celebrates diversity.

## About the Position

Children's Fairyland is a Certified Wildlife Habitat and follows strict USDA guidelines for animals covered under that classification. The Manager is responsible for having a broad knowledge of farm animals, including equine; experience with general animal husbandry; and be passionate about animals. This position must maintain a safe and healthy environment for our animals at all times which stimulates and encourages natural behaviors. **Animal safety is our number one priority.** The Manager works closely with our education programs including field trips, summer camp, to develop and promotes fun, safe, and healthy learning experiences for children. The ideal candidate must have a contagious passion for animals and teaching children.

## Responsibilities

- Manage an array of small to large animals (chickens, ducks, rabbits, guinea pigs, miniature donkeys, goats, sheep, miniature horses, etc.). Occasionally work with local wildlife.
- Responsible for meeting all requirements of the USDA and other government regulating agencies
- Responsible for working with approved veterinarians, sheep shearers, and farriers to make sure all best practices are followed.
- Maintain a healthy animal nutrition, housing, and care plan for each animal.
- Follow the prescribed dietary guidelines and stay up to date on current animal husbandry.
- Groom, nurture, exercise and socialize the animals on a regular basis.
- Assess the health, well-being and behavior of each animal regularly.
- Work with and supervise the part-time animal caregivers to provide basic care including: feeding, bathing, cleaning, exercising and other tasks necessary for the welfare of animals.
- Perform administrative duties including: accurate record keeping, planning, scheduling, staff scheduling.
- Initiate and coordinate special animal events throughout the year together by engaging in community outreach, and participating in our summer camp and school field trip programs
- Create a rich learning environment for children and adults to learn, one on one and in groups.

- Maintain relationships with other animal groups and entities and stays on top of the latest methods of effective care and welfare of animals
- Interact with park guests by encouraging questions about the species, habitat and eating patterns.
- Host the “animal of the day” event and encourage children to pet and get to know how to treat animals.

#### Education and Experience

- At least two (2) years’ experience with animal husbandry and managerial skills.
- Knowledge and ability to perform basic veterinary health and safety methods such as worming, first aid, inoculations, medication and grooming
- Knowledge of healthy animal nutrition, housing, and care for each species.
- Knowledge of animal husbandry practices and stays abreast of the most effective methods of animal care

#### Personal and Physical Requirements

- Must be reliable, dependable, punctual, detail oriented, positive attitude, and a team player.
- Must be in good physical condition, mentally alert, and able to lift and move 50 pounds or more.
- Must be able to physically control and restrain large animals.
- Must be willing and able to grow and learn and continue to enhance the animal program.
- Must be able to walk, climb fences, balance, and stoop, kneel, crouch, stand for long periods of time. This job is physically demanding. You will be on your feet all day, in all kinds of weather.
- Applicant must possess a valid driver's license, insurance, and a car.

#### Pay and Hours

- This is a full-time, exempt position.
- Must be available weekends, holidays, and some evening for special events.
- Salary: DOE
- Benefits: Medical, Dental, Vision, 401k

This is not a complete list of job responsibilities but an overall guide to the responsibilities of the position.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume in the body of the email to: Email: [facilities\\_mgr@fairyland.org](mailto:facilities_mgr@fairyland.org) with Subject: Manager, Animal Care. No attachments will be opened. No phone calls please.