

# **Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park**

City of Santa Ana Parks, Recreation & Community Services Agency

## **Internship Program**

### **Information & Application Form**

Zookeeper internships are a great way to learn about the care of captive domestic and exotic animals and to gain experience in the zookeeping profession. Several former Santa Ana Zoo interns have gone on to satisfying careers in the field of animal care.

Zookeeper internships are available during the summer months of May-September. These unpaid internships last for 10 weeks, with 40 hours of work each week. Work weeks vary and may include weekends and holidays. Zookeeper interns are involved in all aspects of animal care in both the Crean Family Farm and the Main Zoo, including exhibit care and maintenance, diet preparation, enrichment, and behavior observation and documentation.

Zookeeping is a physically demanding profession, subjecting interns to a variety of physical demands and environmental factors. Interns will be required to work outdoors in various types of weather, and must be able to bend, push, pull, lift, and stand for long periods of time.

All Intern Program applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have a sincere interest in working with animals
- Be able to work 40 hours a week, unpaid, including some weekends and holidays
- Be in good health—physically able to do the assigned work
- Provide proof of a negative TB test within the last year
- Submit a properly completed application, as well as a cover letter detailing the applicant's career intentions, a current resume, and 1 letter of recommendation

If you meet the above requirements and would like to apply for an internship at the Santa Ana Zoo, complete the following application and email it to: [jwalker@santa-ana.org](mailto:jwalker@santa-ana.org)  
\_\_\_\_\_ or mail it to:

Santa Ana Zoo  
1801 E. Chestnut Ave.  
Santa Ana, CA 92701  
*ATTN: Jenny Walker*

Summer internship applications accepted December 1 through March 1.

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Animal Services Internship Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hold a valid California Driver's License? \_\_\_\_\_ CDL# \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? \_\_\_\_\_

Zookeeping is physically demanding work that involves dust, dirt, hay, animal dander, and various outdoor weather conditions. Do you have any health concerns with doing this type of work? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any previous animal experience you have: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you hope to gain from your internship experience? \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my individual services are being offered on a voluntary basis without anticipation of any financial remuneration and I shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of Santa Ana, it's Boards and Commissions and their officers, agents and employees from and against all claims, demands, loss or liability of any kind or nature for any possible injury incurred during volunteer service. I understand that I may be required to go through a screening process background check. I agree to cooperate with the agency's Volunteer Program Policies and Procedures.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_