

**KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
**APPROVED JUNE 1998**  
**RANGE: 39.0**  
**CLASSIFIED**  
**CODE: 7**

**ANIMAL KEEPER III**  
**CALIFORNIA LIVING MUSEUM (CALM)**

**DEFINITION**

Under the direct supervision of the Program Supervisor (CALM), is responsible for the daily feeding and care of animals.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

Prepare regulated dietary food for animals;

administer medication to animals;

clean animal enclosures including animal waste, feeding trays and water containers;

maintain proper climate for animal enclosures;

record food and behavior changes in daily logs;

maintain animal enclosure doors and locks;

notify Curator of Animals and/or Program Supervisor of needed repairs to animal enclosures;

keep work areas clean and free of clutter;

supervise volunteers.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Knowledge of:

The proper care, handling, and restraining of animals;

animals indigenous to Kern County and California.

Ability to:

Understand and carry out written and oral instructions;

read, speak, and write English;

weigh and measure accurately;

lift 50 pounds on a regular basis and 125 pounds occasionally;

work outside in inclement weather conditions, including dust, heat, rain, and pollen;

see, hear, reach, bend, kneel and run and walk on rough terrain;

work with injured animals with wounds or infections;

handle live animals for the purpose of feeding zoo animals;

maintain calm during emergency situations.

Experience:

Three years of increasing responsibility performing duties similar to those listed above.

Education:

High school graduate;

college course work in related sciences preferred or equivalent training and experience.

Conditions of employment:

Passage of a pre-employment medical assessment;

current tetanus shot.

Some positions may require proof of privately owned automobile insurance and possession of a valid California Motor Vehicle operator's license which must be maintained for the duration of the assignment.

Fingerprint clearance by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the California Department of Justice is a condition of appointment after all other required job conditions have been met.

Must present verification of completion of Child Abuse Mandated Reporter training or obtain verification within six (6) weeks of hire and annually thereafter, as required by the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.

This position has a probationary period of six months or 130 days, whichever is longer.

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