

Zookeeping Qualification Practical week – Dartmoor Zoo

The 1-week practical training programme at Dartmoor Zoo includes both theoretical and practical learning with a focus on experiential learning. Dartmoor Zoological Park is a 30-acre Zoo just north of the village of Sparkwell, on the south-west edge of Dartmoor in the county of Devon. Set in beautiful woodland, the Zoo features the largest collection of Big Cats in the region including African Lions, Amur Tigers, Jaguar and Cheetah. You will also find Iberian Wolves, Zebra, South American Tapir, Ostrich, Meercats, Otters, Monkeys, reptiles and much more.

Practical training is delivered in small groups and includes:

- Animal husbandry and management – daily animal rounds
- Enrichment workshops
- Research Workshop
- Handling and Restraint workshop
- Presentation/Public Engagement experience
- Enterprise challenge
- Falconry Display
- Zoo tour
- Animal Training presentation and demo
- Ethics workshop
- Careers talk
- Graduation presentation

The Zookeeper qualification is open to anyone aged 16 or over. No prior qualifications are necessary. Please note, accommodation, travel and food are not included in course fees. Course fees must be paid in full prior to attending the practical placement.

Next practical training dates available:

2022

7th – 11th Feb

21st – 25th March

13th – 17th June

4th – 8th July