

Zookeeping Qualification Practical week – Jimmy’s Farm and Wildlife Park

During the 1-week practical at Jimmy’s Farm and Wildlife Park in Suffolk you will be hands-on learning and working alongside their team of dedicated ranges carrying out daily routines. The Park in Wherstead near Ipswich, is home to a diverse range of over 80 species and breeds and will allow you to learn about domestic and exotic species, gaining hands-on experience with a variety of mammals, reptiles and fish, birds, rare breeds and butterflies. The Park also has a fully operational working farm which will enable you to learn and experience working in multiple aspects within the animal industry.

Practical training is delivered in small groups and includes:

- Daily routines with rangers before the Park opens – opening up, visual health checks and ensuring animals are fed and watered.
- Animal husbandry
- Assisting experienced staff with talks/encounters and making sure visitors have a safe and enjoyable day.
- Animal enrichment and training
- Enclosure maintenance
- Animal Management – weighing, grooming, faecal testing, routine treatments.
- Record keeping and admin – ZIMs, daily reports stocktakes

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: TBC