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**Cornwall Badger Project field technician**

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| **Job grade** | **IoZ Technician X point YY** | **Reports to** | **Kelly Astley** |
| **Directorate** | **Science** | **Function** | **Supporting delivery of badger vaccination and sampling** |
| **Contract** | **Fixed term contract (summer season)** | **Location** | **Cornwall office (Penzance)** |

**Responsibility for resources**

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| **Direct line reports** | **None** | **Responsibility for other resources** | **Responsibility for safe use of vehicles, welfare of wild animals confined to traps, health and safety in the field** |
| **Financial resources** | **NA** |

**Our vision and mission**

The Zoological Society of London (ZSL) is an international conservation charity, driven by science, working to restore wildlife in the UK and around the world. Our vision is a world where wildlife thrives and every role, every person in every corner of ZSL has one thing in common – we are all conservationists, and passionate about restoring wildlife.

**Purpose of the role**

The purpose of this role is to support the field delivery of badger vaccination and the associated sampling of badgers at sites across Cornwall. This work contributes to both the “habitat restoration” and “creating change” elements of the ZSL strategy.

**Key responsibilities**

* Liaise with farmers and other landholders to arrange land access
* Survey sites for badger activity
* Help to deploy badger traps and assist with trapping, vaccination, and sampling in line with project goals and in accordance with project license's and best practice guidelines
* Help with the collection and processing of camera trap data
* Help with data entry and management

**Person Specification**

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| Experience |

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| Essential | Experience of biological fieldwork, ideally in agricultural environments, or farm work |
| Desirable | A degree in a relevant discipline (useful but not essential) |

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| Knowledge and skills |

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| Essential | A full clean driving license.  Tolerance for early mornings.  Good people skills for liaising with landholders, volunteers, and others.  Attention to detail in data recording. |
| Desirable | Experience of off-road driving  Towing a trailer  Animal handling experience, ideally badgers but any other mammalian carnivore would be helpful  Familiarity with the bovine TB issue |

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| Additional requirements |

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| Essential | * This post will require extensive outside working with direct exposure to the weather and animals. * This post is a field role with some additional office and home working. * This post requires intermittent work during early mornings * A full driving license is required for this role. * To comply with and promote Health and Safety policies and procedures |