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**Job title: Veterinary Officer**

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| **Job level** | **6, Zone A** | **Reports to** | **Head of Wildlife Health Services (HWHS)** |
| **Directorate** | Zoos | **Function** |  |
| **Contract** | **Fixed Term Contract** | **Location** | **Regent’s Park, Whipsnade, Homeworker** |

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| **Direct line reports** | **None** | **Responsibility for other resources** | **None** |
| **Financial resources** | **None** |

**Responsibility for resources**

**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 delivery of clinical veterinary services by the Wildlife Health Services (WHS) team across both ZSL London and ZSL Whipsnade Conservation Zoos. Reporting directly to the Head of Wildlife Health Services, the Veterinary Officer (VO) will support the health and welfare of all animals in ZSL collections, predominantly as a clinician working at both zoos. The role will also represent ZSL as a centre of excellence in the veterinary care of zoo and wild animals.

**Key responsibilities**

* Ensure continuous best practice veterinary care (including preventive medicine, diagnosis, treatment, disease surveillance and gross postmortem examination) for all animals at ZSL London Zoo and ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.
* Work closely and collaboratively, and regularly attend meetings, with curatorial, animal management, and other colleagues across ZSL to provide the best health, care and welfare of animals in the care of ZSL and to meet ZSL’s strategic aims.
* Lead on, support, and publish appropriate clinical research material in peer reviewed journals and other media (textbooks, etc.) to support the profile of ZSL.
* Train students (including tracking students, MSc, ECZM ZHM residents, and others) on courses run by ZSL, the RVC and other collaborating institutions to increase wildlife health capacity worldwide.
* In a professional and timely manner, produce routine reports (on matters clinical, pathological and welfare) allowing for rapid, collective action to continuously improve standards of care and welfare.

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| Experience | |
| Essential | * Membership in the RCVS is essential. * Proven experience in veterinary care of zoo and wild animals across a range of species. * Experience using remote drug-delivery firearms and systems. |
| Desirable | * Experience in practical training of veterinary techniques and teaching in an academic environment. * Specialist training and experience through residency training and/or certificates (CertAVP), and/or board certification or eligibility (ACZM or ECZM ZHM). * Proven record of relevant scientific papers, reports, and presentations, with a desire to present at conferences and publish in peer-reviewed journals. |
| Knowledge and skills | |
| Essential | * Knowledge of relevant legislation related to zoo licensing, animal health, health & safety, firearms, and veterinary medicines. * Working knowledge and skills of IT systems including MS office packages, ZIMS, etc. * Familiarity with managing competing priorities and delegate effectively |
| Desirable | * Able to demonstrate high accuracy and attention to detail with reference to written, verbal and other communications. * Clear, demonstrable commitment to and understanding of wildlife conservation and animal welfare * Official Veterinarian status, or the ability to become an OV. |
| Additional requirements | |
| Essential | * This post requires occasional work during evenings and/or and weekends and outside working with direct exposure to weather and animals. * This post works across both ZSL sites (London and Whipsnade) with occasional home working and other field sites as required. * This position is part of a team rota and is required to cover regular weekends on call. * A full driving license is required for this role. * A firearms license (or the ability to obtain one) is required for this role. * Strong commitment to creating a culture that lives ZSL values and commitment to safeguarding, equality and diversity * To comply with and promote Health and Safety policies and procedures |

* The duties and responsibilities described are not a comprehensive list and additional tasks may be assigned that are in line with the level of the role.

**Person Specification**