

## **BE A KEEPER FOR A DAY** **APPLICATION AND INFORMATION PACK**



### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Bookings to be A Keeper for a day can be made from April to October (availability must be checked before dates can be confirmed). Only Bank Holidays are excluded. Anyone 12 years or older can participate. There are a number of rules and health & safety guidelines that must be adhered to; these are listed below and on the following page.

Please email [info@seaviewwildlife.com](mailto:info@seaviewwildlife.com) (or phone 01983 612 153) to check availability before submitting your application form.

The price for being a Keeper for a Day is £100 (including VAT) throughout 2010.

You will be able to assist in feeding and caring for a number of animals. These will normally include: Penguins, Pelicans, Wallabies, Meerkats, Alpacas, our furry friends in Pet's Corner and a whole array of birds! If you're keen you might be able to help with the Bugs and Reptiles too!

The day starts at 10.30 am (please enter Park through Main Entrance Reception where your allocated Keeper will meet you). The day finishes at approximately 4.00pm.

Don't forget to bring a camera!

### **RULES AND CONDITIONS**

- 1) The minimum age to be a Keeper for a Day is 12 years old.
- 2) Your tetanus vaccination must be up to date.
- 3) Parents, guardians or family members are not permitted behind the scenes.
- 4) If appropriate, a carer accompanying a Keeper for a Day who has special needs will be allowed in free of charge.
- 5) No smoking or chewing of gum is permitted in the animal enclosures or any public areas.
- 6) Please wear appropriate clothing such as jeans, t-shirt, sweatshirt, waterproof jacket and shoes (trainers or boots) with good tread to avoid slipping (no flip flops, sandals or heels)
- 7) A light lunch and tea, coffee or squash are provided (or you may bring a packed lunch if you prefer).
- 8) Cancellations – if we are given 14 or more days notice of a cancellation a 50% refund will be given. We regret that no refunds can be offered for cancellations received with less than 14 days notice. If we are able to re-book your day with another Keeper for a Day applicant (regardless of notice given) then a full 100% refund will be given.

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### **HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES**

Please note: The term ‘Animals’ (below) refers to all livestock at the Park (animals, birds and reptiles).

All animals naturally carry a range of micro-organisms, some of which can be transmitted to humans and can occasionally result in ill-health. Animals have the potential to cause harm through biting, scratching and through their physical presence. It is therefore essential that those taking part in being a Keeper for a Day strictly follow all instructions given by the Keeper they are working with. Behind the scenes at the Park there may be other work activities being carried out that may present risks if guidelines are not followed. All those taking part must abide by the following Health and Safety guidelines:

- 1) All participants must have had an up to date tetanus vaccination.
- 2) Remain in close contact at all times with the Keeper you are working with – do not wander off unannounced.
- 3) Please listen to the Keeper you are assisting and follow any instructions given, including instructions given in the event of an emergency.
- 4) Do not enter any animal enclosure or touch any animal without specific instruction from your Keeper to do so.
- 5) Any accident or injury should be reported to your Keeper.
- 6) Existing cuts on exposed skin should be covered with waterproof dressings/plasters.
- 7) Hands should be washed at every opportunity, especially before eating, drinking or smoking and before leaving the Park. Disposable gloves are to be worn when instructed to do so.
- 8) Smoking and eating are only allowed in the designated rest areas.
- 9) Do not eat food intended for the animals.
- 10) If you take your breaks apart from your allocated Keeper you must arrange to meet up again before re-entering the off-show areas.
- 11) Long hair must be tied back securely and no jewellery worn other than a practical wrist watch and stud earrings.
- 12) Appropriate clothing and footwear should be worn (please see point 6 under rules and conditions). No high-heeled shoes.
- 13) Avoid putting your face close to the animals, kissing the animals or placing your fingers in your mouth.

# **BE A KEEPER FOR A DAY – 2010 APPLICATION FORM**



## **APPLICANT'S DETAILS (Person applying to be A Keeper For a Day):**

Title ..... First Name ..... Surname .....

If under 18 – Date of Birth ..... Age at date of event (no. 1 below) .....

If under 18 – Name of parent or guardian.....

Home address: .....

.....Postcode.....

Daytime Phone Number ..... Mobile .....

Email .....

## **BOOKING DETAILS**

Please give two alternative dates that you would like to be A Keeper for a Day – from April – October (excluding Bank Holidays).

Date no. 1 ..... Date no. 2 .....

Date of last tetanus vaccination .....

Please give details of any allergies .....

Please give details of any medical conditions .....

Please give details of any special needs .....

Please give name and contact number of person we can contact in case of an emergency on the day:

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## **DETAILS OF FEE PAYER (If different from applicant above)**

Title ..... First Name ..... Surname .....

Home address: .....

.....Postcode.....

Daytime Phone Number ..... Mobile .....

Email .....

**PAYMENTS** (by cheque please) **£100** to be made payable to: Flamingo Park (Seaview) Ltd. (not forgetting your cheque guarantee card number on the reverse of your cheque) and send to: Be a Keeper for a Day, Seaview Wildlife Encounter, Oakhill Road, Seaview, Isle of Wight PO34 5AP. To reach us at least ten days prior to event. Price includes a full day (10.30am – 4.00pm) working closely with an experienced Keeper, light lunch and refreshments – plus a lifetime of memories!