

**KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
APPROVED JUNE 1998
CALM SERIES
RANGE: 39.0
CLASSIFIED
CODE: 7**

**ANIMAL KEEPER III
CALIFORNIA LIVING MUSEUM (CALM)**

DEFINITION

Under the direct supervision of the Program Supervisor (CALM), is responsible for the daily feeding and care of animals.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Prepares regulated dietary food for animals;

administers medication to animals;

cleans animal enclosures including animal waste, feeding trays and water containers;

maintains proper climate for animal enclosures;

records food and behavior changes in daily logs;

maintains animal enclosure doors and locks;

notifies Curator of Animals and/or Program Supervisor of needed repairs to animal enclosures;

keeps work areas clean and free of clutter;

supervises volunteers.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

The proper care, handling, and restraining of animals;

animals indigenous to Kern County and California.

Ability to:

Understand and carry out written and oral instructions;

read, speak, and write English;

weigh and measure accurately;

lift 50 pounds on a regular basis and 125 pounds occasionally;

work outside in inclement weather conditions, including dust, heat, rain, and pollen;

see, hear, reach, bend, kneel and run and walk on rough terrain;

work with injured animals with wounds or infections;

handle live animals for the purpose of feeding zoo animals;

maintain calm during emergency situations.

Experience:

Three years of increasing responsibility performing duties similar to those listed above.

Education:

High school graduate;

college course work in related sciences preferred or equivalent training and experience.

Condition of employment:

Passage of a pre-employment medical assessment;

current tetanus shot.

Some positions may require proof of privately owned automobile insurance and possess a valid California Motor Vehicle operator's license.

Fingerprint clearance by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the California Department of Justice.

This position has a probationary period of six months or 130 days, whichever is longer.

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