

Volunteer Application and Information Marapana Wildlife Park



PLEASE FILL IN ALL DETAILS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Fax: _____

DOB: ___/___/___

Do You Have A Drivers License: Yes No

Experience in zoos or wildlife park: _____

REFERENCES:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

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DATES OF PROPOSED TIME FOR VOLUNTEERING:

___/___/___ to ___/___/___

Information and application pack

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. How long would you like to volunteer at Marapana Wildlife Park?

1 week

2 weeks

3 weeks

4 weeks

2. Would you be doing your volunteering...?

1 day a week

In week blocks

3. What are your reasons for wanting to volunteer at Marapana Wildlife Park?

4. What do you hope to achieve by volunteering at Marapana Wildlife Park?

5. What do you think is involved in volunteering?

GENERAL INFORMATION

Marapana Wildlife Park has been operating in the area for the last 20 years, changing from a drive through deer park, to the walk-through wildlife park that it is today. The new owners took over the park in December 2004, and their goals are to completely transform the park around and make it the premier hands-on park in Perth. We have a large range of animals including Australian fauna (koalas, kangaroos, wombats, emus, etc) and exotic fauna (deer, ostrich, camels, etc).

The staff at Marapana starts work at 8am and finish at 5pm, so volunteers usually work the same hours. Working a full day allows the volunteer to experience a wide variety of daily jobs.

Volunteers will generally learn from a few different areas:

- Animal diets and feeding
- Cleaning enclosures
- Listening to animal talks
- Maintenance and building of enclosures

The day usually has a set structure. For the first few hours in the morning the animal enclosures are cleaned and certain animals are fed. The middle section is usually when the talks occur and any building or maintenance can be done. The last few hours of the day is when certain animals are fed and the eucalyptus leaf is cut for the koalas. Staff and volunteers get two 30-minute breaks throughout the day.

RULES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers must be 16 and over. (Exceptions can be made to younger people who are out of school and studying in the field of animals)

- Volunteers are not allowed into the ostrich enclosure and the buffalo/pig enclosure.
- Volunteers are allowed into all other enclosures with a keeper present, although the keeper will inform you of some enclosures that volunteers can go into unsupervised.
- Always close gates behind you.
- Tell your keeper of any unusual animal behaviour that you might notice or if there are any problems with any of the animals.
- No volunteers are allowed to drive any vehicles or tractor.
- Only the Petting Zoo animals can be picked up. NO OTHER animals should be picked up.