



Zookeeper for a Day

Have you ever wondered what it takes to be a zookeeper? As you visit Wildlife World Zoo, Aquarium and Safari Park complete the following activities to find out! Students can finish the worksheet during their zoo visit or can continue their research in the classroom.

Animal Background:

Find a sign about a species of animal here at Wildlife World Zoo and answer the following questions. Every zookeeper has to know how to take care of their animals and that starts with knowing the following:

1. What species did you choose? _____
2. What part of the world does your animal come from? _____
3. What does your animal's ecosystem look like? _____

4. Is your animal a predator or prey? _____
5. How does your animal move? _____

Exhibit Design

Now that you have some background on your animal you need to know how to house your animal properly. Answer the following questions

1. Does your animal need heating or air conditioning to thrive in Arizona? _____
2. What kind of enclosure is best for your animal (what kind of fences?, does it need a roof?, is it an indoor only species?) _____

3. What can you add to the exhibit to make it look like the species' natural habitat? (trees, rocks, grass, pond):

Food Prep

Zookeepers spend the majority of their day making sure their animals have plenty of food and water available. Answer the following questions.

1. What does your animal eat? _____

2. Where would your animal find food and how should food be presented in its exhibit to encourage natural behaviors? (Does it dig for, climb, chase food? Does it eat off high trees? Does it need a puzzle feeder? Etc...)

3. How would you make sure guests do not feed your animal inappropriate items? _____

Enrichment

Zookeepers are constantly trying to make sure their animals are mentally stimulated with enrichment like toys and food puzzles. In the space below design an enrichment device that would encourage your species to be active but that is appropriate for your species.

Education

The mission of zoos and aquariums across the planet is to educate their guests on their animals and the challenges they face in the wild. You have learned about your species, it is time for you to find the best way to help other students learn about your species.

1. What are the human-related challenges that your species faces? _____

2. What are some ways humans can help with these challenges in their everyday lives? _____

3. What is a fun way you could educate students about your species? _____
