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Registered Charity Number: 1181186

"Saving Animals Together Since 1983"

Job Title: Senior Animal Caregiver

Hours: 37.5 hours per week (8am–4pm, including 30-min unpaid morning break & 60-min unpaid lunch break)

Days: 5.5 days per week on a rota basis (including weekend/bank holiday work)

Wages: £8.05 – £12.71 per hour (National Minimum Wage applies)

Application Closing Date: Monday 16th June 2025

Are you passionate about animals and their welfare? Are you looking for a rewarding opportunity where you can make a real difference to the lives of animals who haven't had the best start in life? If so, this could be the role for you.

Hopefield Animal Sanctuary is a well-established and highly respected animal welfare charity, providing lifelong care to nearly 700 rescued animals. We are currently looking for a Senior Animal Caregiver to join our dedicated, hard-working team.

In this role, you'll take a hands-on approach to caring for a variety of animals – from horses, cows and goats, to pigs, small animals and exotics. You'll play a vital role in maintaining our high standards of animal care and welfare, and helping to ensure our residents live happy, enriched lives.

Key Responsibilities:

- Feed and provide fresh water for animals daily
- Clean and maintain animal enclosures to ensure a safe, hygienic environment
- Monitor animal health and behaviour, and report concerns promptly
- Assist with administering medications and attending routine veterinary checks
- Provide enrichment activities to promote mental and physical wellbeing
- Groom animals where necessary (e.g. brushing coats, bathing)
- Maintain records related to animal care and health
- Support and supervise junior staff/volunteers as needed
- Engage with visitors in a friendly and informative manner, promoting the sanctuary's mission

Requirements:

- Previous experience working in a similar role with a variety of animals (not kennels/catteries/dog walkers)
- Confident handling a wide range of animals
- Excellent communication and team working skills
- Strong attention to detail and commitment to high welfare standards
- Physically fit, with the ability to lift and handle animals of various sizes
- Flexible and reliable, with a positive, can-do attitude
- Comfortable working outdoors in all weather conditions

Please note:

This is a senior position, requiring proven experience in a similar environment with a variety of animals. Unfortunately, this role is not suitable for college leavers or those looking to change careers without relevant experience.

If you have the skills, experience, and passion to provide the very best care to our animals, we'd love to hear from you.

Apply now and help us continue giving rescued animals the second chance they deserve
- email your CV and cover letter to office@hopefield.org.uk