

Farm Park Assistant

Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust

Salary: Up to £11.44 an hour

Hours: Zero Hours roles, over a seven day a week shift pattern

Status: Ongoing

Location: Occombe Farm, Paignton

Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust (TCCT), is an independent charity dedicated to looking after the most important wildlife and heritage sites across the English Riviera in Torbay, South Devon. Occombe Farm includes a farm animal attraction, indoor and outdoor play facilities, a farm shop and catering outlets.

We are currently looking to add to our Farm Park team who care for our animals and welcome and engage with visitors to the farm.

We are looking for customer focused people who will engage with our visitors and help to deliver fun, friendly and memorable activities and animal interaction sessions. We are looking for people who are enthusiastic and hardworking. You will help to look after our broad range of domestic and rare breed farm animals, ensuring they are well cared for through good husbandry and high welfare standards.

Daily responsibilities include:

- Assist with the daily jobs on the farm including mucking out, feeding, and health checking animals.
- Support with other aspects of animal care including feeding/dietary regimes, enrichment and animal record upkeep. Other key husbandry tasks include lambing, incubation of eggs, foot trimming and grooming.
- Providing visitors with a fun and educational visit, delivering activities such as practical demonstrations, talks, birthday parties and experience days.
- Working within health and safety policies and risk assessments.
- As part of our team, you'll need a positive, 'can-do' attitude and be driven to deliver our values.
- Excellent time management skills, attention to detail and the ability to work in line with the daily timetable is essential in this role.

The successful candidate will have:

- A good understanding or experience of how to look after a wide range of animals including guinea pigs, rabbits, poultry, sheep, goats and equine.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision and to use own initiative to complete tasks.
- A good understanding of customer service.
- · Excellent communication skills.

Training will be given to successful candidates to help them deliver excellent service to our customers and animal husbandry training will be given ensure animals are kept to the highest of welfare standard and staff are confident when working with them.

Expected start date: May 2024