

## OPEN POSITION

Position: **Senior veterinarian in zoo medicine**

Location: **Barcelona Zoo**

Application only online: : [Senior veterinarian, Barcelona Zoo](#)

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Application deadline: **until filled**

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Degree in veterinary medicine.
- Currently registered as a veterinary surgeon.
- Fluent spoken and written English.
- Good command of spoken and written Catalan and/or Spanish.

### SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

#### Professional experience:

- Minimum of five years' clinical experience working with wildlife in settings such as zoos, rescue centres, research, or conservation projects.
- Experience with a range of non-domestic species across various taxa, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish (versatility will be highly valued).
- Solid knowledge of preventive medicine, remote anaesthesia (teleanaesthesia), population health management, and animal welfare programmes.

#### Technical skills:

- Demonstrable and up-to-date expertise in zoological medicine, anaesthesia, diagnostic imaging, and pathology.
- Experience in the collection and interpretation of biomedical data.
- Competence in working with digital veterinary record systems.
- Familiarity with EAZA, WAZA, and international wildlife health and biosecurity protocols.

#### Transversal competences:

- Ability to work in multidisciplinary teams within highly coordinated environments.
- Strong skills in organisation, communication, and technical report writing.
- Capacity to make sound decisions in complex or emergency situations.

- Proactive approach to continuous improvement of medical protocols, animal welfare, biosafety, and preventive health programmes.

## ADDITIONAL ASSETS

- Complementary training in zoological medicine (e.g. ECZM/ACZM diplomate, master's degree, PhD, etc.).
- Participation in conservation projects, either in situ or ex situ.
- Experience in teaching or professional training in veterinary or conservation-related fields.
- Experience in managing and coordinating complex clinical cases.

## POSITION CONDITIONS

- Full-time position.
- Immediate availability or negotiable start date depending on the candidate's availability.
- On-site role based at Barcelona Zoo, including out-of-hours on-call rota.
- Contractual terms in accordance with the internal regulations of Barcelona City Council / BSM (as per the current framework).

## ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Supervise and implement the zoo's preventive and curative medicine programmes, ensuring high professional standards and the welfare of the animals.
- Perform all relevant clinical procedures, including health checks, captures, anaesthesia, necropsies, disease surveillance, and medical reporting.
- Lead coordination with animal departments on matters of health, welfare, and husbandry.
- Participate in training animal care staff in handling and veterinary procedures.
- Collaborate with external veterinary professionals and zoological institutions to foster knowledge exchange and network-based approaches.
- Supervise the documentation and archiving of clinical data.
- Train and supervise veterinary and pathology students and interns.
- Contribute to reintroduction and in situ conservation projects in collaboration with the Research and Conservation Department, ensuring the application of best scientific practices.
- Engage in and promote research, publication, and conference participation.
- Stay abreast of current developments, innovations, and recommendations in the field of zoological medicine.
- Interact with zoo staff, the public, media, and other stakeholders as required.