



Senior Scientific Officer - Exotics and Wildlife Trade

Fixed term contract - 12 months

Location: RSPCA Headquarters, Southwater, Horsham, West Sussex

Salary: £30,669.91 per annum

Hours: 35 hrs per week Monday to Friday

Closing date for applications: Friday 12th July 2019

The RSPCA is the largest animal welfare charity in England and Wales. Our purpose as the RSPCA is to prevent cruelty, promote kindness and alleviate the suffering of all animals.

We are looking to recruit a key member of the Wildlife Department in the RSPCA's Science Group. This will be a fixed term contract for up to 12 months to cover maternity leave. As the main source of scientific and technical knowledge for the RSPCA on non-domestic animals kept as pets (exotics) and their trade, the post-holder will maintain, develop and deliver RSPCA policies and strategy in this area, taking a creative but pragmatic approach.

Responsibilities include:

- Lead science-based projects and programs
- Write and input into projects, reports, consultation responses and campaigns
- Provide specialist knowledge to the wider Society on exotics and wildlife trade
- Produce information for a wide range of audiences, including the public, the media and high-level policy makers
- Identify research priorities that contribute towards the RSPCA's aims and objectives.

Whilst this post covers a wide range of species, birds will be the primary focus of this role.

You'll have:

- Qualified to degree level in a relevant biological discipline
- Broad knowledge of animal welfare issues and specific knowledge and experience relating to exotics and wildlife trade. Preference will be given to candidates with specific expertise in the welfare of non-domestic birds kept as pets
- Ability to work independently and balance competing demands
- Manage projects to completion
- Critically analyse technical and scientific data and distill these into a suitable form for a wide range of audiences

What's in it for you?

You'll have an opportunity to work for the largest animal welfare charity in England

and Wales. We value and recognise our employees' contribution and are proud to offer an extensive benefits package that includes: 35 hours standard working week, 25 days annual leave plus bank holidays; a generous pension scheme with associated life assurance and group income protection scheme; access to private healthcare scheme; support for professional development after qualifying period and access to our employee assistance programme. We also offer free parking on site.

How to apply

An application form and job description can be downloaded from the following web page: <https://www.rspca.org.uk/utilities/jobs/jobvacancies/details/-/articleName/senior-scientific-officer-exotics-and-wildlife-trade-fixed-term-contract-12-months-> We do not accept CVs without a fully completed application form.

Please send your completed application form to:

Resourcing Team, RSPCA, Wilberforce Way, Southwater, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 9RS, Tel 0300 123 0205, email resourcingteam@rspca.org.uk quoting reference SSO175 by the closing date of Friday 12th July 2019.

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 23rd July 2019 at RSPCA Headquarters, Wilberforce Way, Southwater, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 9RS.

All online information and documents are available in alternative formats, including Braille and large font, upon request from the Resourcing team.

Equality, diversity, and inclusion are at the heart of our organisation. We seek to promote fair employment procedures and practices to ensure equal opportunities for all.