

Job Description – Murton Trust Farm Worker

A minimum of 20 hours over Sunday to Wednesday each week. Flexibility in working hours may be possible over time, with the opportunity to increase the scope of the role.

Position Overview

Based at Murton you will be responsible for all aspects of animal husbandry and animal care when working on the visitor farm. You must be flexible, an excellent communicator with students and the public and show determination to achieve ambitious results. The Farm Worker reports to the Estate Manager.

Specific Tasks

- Cleaning out the animal accommodation and changing bedding.
- Ensuring that the animal enclosures are maintained.
- Cleaning and grooming the animals.
- Preparing food and feeding the animals.
- Assisting with moving animals from one place to another.
- Checking for signs of illness or distress in the animals.
- Providing enrichment to the enclosure.
- Keeping relevant records.
- Assist estate manager with team building days.
- Assist estate manager with training of young people.
- Ensuring all information and access to the farm is suitable for visitors.
- Engaging with the public and answering questions from visitors.
- Raise awareness of the Trust and its work.
- Providing animal tours and animal handling sessions to groups or individuals.

Qualifications

- Formal Qualification in Animal Care

Desirable qualifications include:

- Full First Aid at Work certificate
- Quad bike and Argo/sit in ATV
- SQA L&D9DI certification

Personal Skills

- Must be highly skilled in all aspects of animal care
- A proven enthusiasm for wildlife, education and an ability to share it with others.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with other staff, estate visitors and students under training
- Meticulous attention to detail
- Work to an extremely high standard – without supervision
- Able to work on own initiative at all times