



JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Equine Education & Welfare Officer

PAY: Competitive package

HOURS: 8am—5pm Monday-Friday, 8am—1pm Saturday

ANNUAL LEAVE: 4 weeks plus 8 public holidays

LOCATION: Based at the Maun Clinic but the role will involve significant local and occasional international travel

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Donkey Project is an educational programme targeted at donkey owners in the wider Maun area. The Equine Education & Welfare Officer ('Officer') will educate and train each selected community-based animal health worker ('CAHW') to operate as a donkey health and welfare ambassador, and have the skills to charge local animal owners a small fee for the diagnoses and administration of antibiotics, training and/or farrier work. The programme will act as a form of livestock insurance for communities to ensure their donkeys live longer, can work more effectively and efficiently.

PURPOSE OF THE JOB

- To deliver an equine education plan by promoting the importance and value of equine welfare to donkey owners.
- To train selected villagers to become community based animal health workers, demonstrating current and innovative practices to plan, deliver and embed equine welfare schemes into their everyday lives.
- To develop relationships with and influence key international equine welfare professionals.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES

- To train selected persons within a series of defined areas to become community based animal health workers.
- To deliver generalised equine welfare sessions to donkey owners.
- To promote Maun Animal Welfare Society as a source of help and assistance for donkey owners.
- To create, develop and trial identified resources for equine education.
- To develop and maintain regular contact with key international equine welfare professionals (e.g. SPANA, The Brooke).
- Attend international training and development seminars as required to keep up to date with current trends and initiatives in the equine welfare world.
- Maintain accurate records in an agreed format of all activities and expenditure.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

- Registered veterinary nurse with at least 10 years' experience
- Diploma in Animal Studies or related field (equine studies preferred)
- Previous educational/ lecturing experience
- Previous experience of working in animal welfare
- Proven ability to network with international animal welfare organisations
- Driving licence

JOB CONTEXT

- The post holder is managed by and reports to MAWS but will develop direct communication channels with the project sponsor, SPANA, for day-to-day queries and general programme assistance.
- The parameters of the post holder's work are determined by an education strategy agreed by MAWS and SPANA. The strategy will continue to evolve to reflect current animal welfare education needs and according to locally available material.
- The post holder has a responsibility to maintain good working relationships with MAWS staff and volunteers.
- The post holder will use their professional expertise to plan specific training that meets the needs of individual community based animal health workers.
- The post holder will develop resources for the project in line with the agreed educational strategy.
- The post holder will manage their own time and commitments within the specified hours with guidance from MAWS. There will be no day-to-day supervision; instead work is checked through observations of training, records of work completed, and regular status meetings.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The initial role is a fixed two year contract, but a motivated Equine Education & Welfare Officer may be able to create the opportunity to advance and/or expand the scope and duration of the position.

APPLICATIONS

The closing date for applications is 30 October 2014. Please note that only successful applicants will be contacted. To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter indicating your suitability for the role to careers@maunanimalwelfare.com