Barn Attendant

Are you passionate about animal welfare, farm life and creating memorable experiences for visitors? Do you have hands-on experience working in a farm environment, caring for livestock and confidently handling animals?

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary is looking for a dedicated and experienced Barn Attendant to join our Wildlife team immediately.

About the Sanctuary:

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary opened in 1927 as a safe refuge for sick, injured, and orphaned koalas. Today, Lone Pine remains a much loved and iconic destination for local and international guests to not only see native Australian animals, but to also connect and learn. Our goal is that everyone leaves the sanctuary feeling inspired to make small, positive changes in their daily lives to help protect their own native wildlife and habitats. Through collaboration with our 120+ employees, suppliers and customers, we aim to set a new standard in environmental wildlife management. This will contribute to building a stronger Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary.

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary is an equal opportunity employer, where we recognise the diversity of our workforce and community – be it on the basis of gender, age, race, sexual orientation, or religious belief.

Our Vision : To protect, respect and conserve our environment and wildlife by educating and connecting people with nature.
Our Mission : To inspire individuals and communities to live in balance with the natural world.
Located on the banks of the beautiful Brisbane River & only a few minutes from Brisbane CBD, this truly is a great place to work.

About the Role

Working closely with the Barn Head of Department, you will play an important role in the daily operation of our Barn, ensuring the highest standards of animal care, welfare and visitor engagement.

Our Barn is home to a variety of animals, including sheep, sheep dogs, chickens, goats, guinea pigs, rabbits, donkeys and pigs.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Providing daily care, feeding, watering and health checks for all barn animals.
- Maintaining high standards of animal husbandry, exhibit cleanliness and biosecurity.
- Handling and restraining animals safely and confidently.
- Training and maintaining animal behaviours, particularly those required for visitor interactions and animal experiences.
- Working with and supporting the training of our sheep dogs.
- Monitoring animal health and welfare, reporting concerns and assisting with prescribed treatments.
- Maintaining accurate animal records and following departmental procedures and safety requirements.
- Delivering engaging educational demonstrations and sharing your knowledge with visitors.
- Creating positive and memorable experiences for our guests while always prioritising animal welfare.

About You

We are looking for someone who brings genuine hands-on experience and confidence working in a farm environment.

To be successful in this role, you will ideally have:

- Demonstrated practical experience working on a farm.
- Hands-on experience handling and caring for livestock and other farm animals.
- A sound understanding of animal husbandry, welfare and safe animal handling practices.
- Experience working outdoors and undertaking physically demanding farm or animal care duties.
- A genuine interest in animal training, behaviour and welfare.

The following skills and qualifications will be highly regarded:

- Previous experience training dogs, particularly working dogs or sheep dogs.
- Certificate III in Animal Care or an equivalent qualification or practical experience.
- At least 2 years' experience in a similar animal care, farming or livestock-related role.
- Experience delivering educational presentations or interacting confidently with the public.

You will also demonstrate:

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Excellent time management and organisational skills.
- The ability to work independently and collaboratively as part of a dynamic team.
- A positive, proactive and hands-on approach, with a genuine 'Can Do' attitude.
- A growth mindset and willingness to continuously develop your knowledge and skills.
- Flexibility to work across a roster, including weekends, public holidays and school holidays.

Essential Requirements

- A valid Queensland Blue Card.
- Valid Q Fever vaccination.
- Availability to work a 7-day roster, including weekends, public holidays and school holidays.

- Ability to undertake physically demanding outdoor work in varying weather conditions.

Why Join Lone Pine?

At Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, you will become part of a passionate team dedicated to animal welfare, conservation and creating meaningful connections between people and wildlife. You will have the opportunity to work with a diverse collection of animals, develop your animal training skills and contribute to memorable visitor experiences at one of Australia's most iconic wildlife destinations.

If you have a genuine farming background, enjoy working with animals and are passionate about animal welfare, we'd love to hear from you!

Please apply at recruitment@koala.net with a Cover Letter detailing why you are perfect for this role and your updated Resume.

We thank you for reviewing this ad and putting your valuable time and energy into this application.
Please note, only successful applicants will be contacted.