



## NO PAY, NO PERKS?

Becoming a Docent is a "no pay" job but it is definitely not a "no perks" job. You will work in the fantastic Zoo environment, have access to a varied social life with dynamic people, gain as much knowledge as you want and develop both professional and personal skills. Zoo visitors will appreciate you and, most importantly, the animals will benefit from your work.

If you are interested in becoming a Docent, please complete the attached application form. The 10-week training course is normally held once a year usually from May to July and therefore it is not always possible to process your application immediately. You will be invited to an orientation session prior to training, followed by an interview. The training course is followed by a 2-month probation period.

## APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

Visitor Services Coordinator  
Perth Zoo  
PO Box 489  
South Perth WA 6951

## HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

Are you:

- Reliable and able to make a regular commitment?
- Available to work one day per fortnight, 9.00 am to 3.00 pm?
- Happy to attend orientation and recruitment interviews?
- Willing to obtain and pay for a Federal Police Clearance?
- Available for twelve initial training sessions?
- Prepared to invest \$85 in the initial training course?
- At ease with wearing a distinctive uniform?
- Willing to purchase the uniform shirt for about \$30?
- Over 18 years of age?
- Enthusiastic to update skills in refresher courses?
- Friendly and outgoing?
- Seeking personal satisfaction from your efforts whilst having fun at the same time?



## Perth Zoo Docent Association Inc.

### Information on becoming a Zoo Volunteer

20 Labouchere Road  
South Perth WA 6151

Telephone (08) 9367 7988  
Facsimile (08) 9474 4420

Email: [email@perthzoo.wa.gov.au](mailto:email@perthzoo.wa.gov.au)  
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## Perth Zoo Docent Association

*Thank you for enquiring  
about becoming  
a volunteer at Perth Zoo.*

*Our volunteers are known  
as Docents and assist  
the Zoo in a variety of ways.*

### WHAT DO DOCENTS DO?

The most regular work for Docents involves coming to the Zoo one day per fortnight to ensure that visitors have a great day.

This includes offering them informal talks about the animals at the exhibits, tours in electric cars, walking tours, assistance with directions, information about keeper talks and feed times and fun and learning at the Touch Tables.

Docents become especially skilled in "edutainment" - combining education and entertainment to promote the Zoo's conservation mission.

*We look not only for people  
who love animals but  
also people who love people.*

### WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- People who are committed and reliable
- People with good communication skills
- People who work well with others

### HIGHLIGHTS

Occasionally, special opportunities arise to become involved in behind-the-scenes activities with early morning and twilight corporate events, children's activities and with animal watch activities.

### HOWEVER...

If you are looking for voluntary work where you will have regular contact with animals, or can feed animals or clean enclosures, then becoming a Docent will not give you the job satisfaction you deserve.

If you wish to engage in this kind of voluntary work, we suggest you contact the wildlife rehabilitation centres and parks.

