

Pony Handler

Lantz Exotics is currently recruiting for a part-time, seasonal, pony handler. Pony handlers will be responsible for assisting our Pony Manager with all daily duties to ensure a high standard of care for the ponies as well as a quality ride experience for Roger Williams Park Zoo guests.

Responsibilities:

- Daily care of the ponies including, but not limited to, grooming and saddling prior to initiation of rides.
- Leading ponies during rides.
- Routine cleanup of facilities and ponies after ride closure.
- Maintain enthusiasm during pony rides and while representing both Lantz Exotics and Roger Williams Park Zoo on Zoo grounds.
- Acquaint guests with ride protocol and maintain proper crowd levels by regulating flow of guests.
- Ensure the safety of all visitors and ponies by adhering to and enforcing established protocols.
- Communicate any issues with appropriate staff in a timely manner.
- Assist Pony Manager with other duties and responsibilities, as assigned.

Qualifications:

High School diploma or equivalent, plus a minimum of six months of experience working with animals while engaging with the public; or equivalent combination of education and experience, is preferred. Ability to engage children and adults of all ages and learning abilities strongly desired.

Additional Requirements:

- Demonstrated comfort and confidence around ponies.
- Must be available to work weekdays, weekends, holidays and occasional evenings.
- Ability to work outdoors under various weather conditions and to lift and/or move objects up to 30 pounds.
- Successful completion of a background check.
- This position also frequently requires:
 - a. handling/leading moving animals, which may weigh up to 400 pounds, for five-minute intervals.
 - b. walking, standing, and bending for several hours at a time.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity send a resume and salary requirements to ponyridesRW@gmail.com.