



National Careers Week



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**Working with
animals!**

But first!

- Who has thought about working with animals?
- Who can tell me an animal job?
- Who has pets?



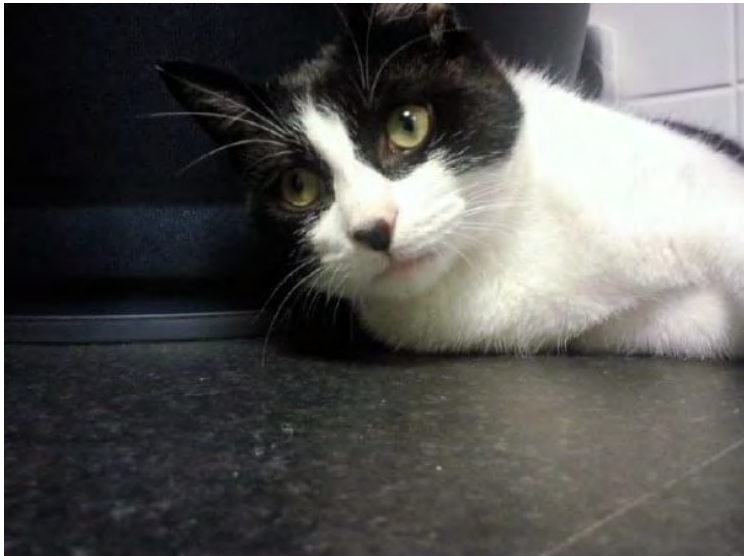


Zookeeping!



Plumpton College

First & National Diploma in
Animal Management





Sparsholt College

Bsc (Hons)
Animal
Management



Work Experience & Volunteering

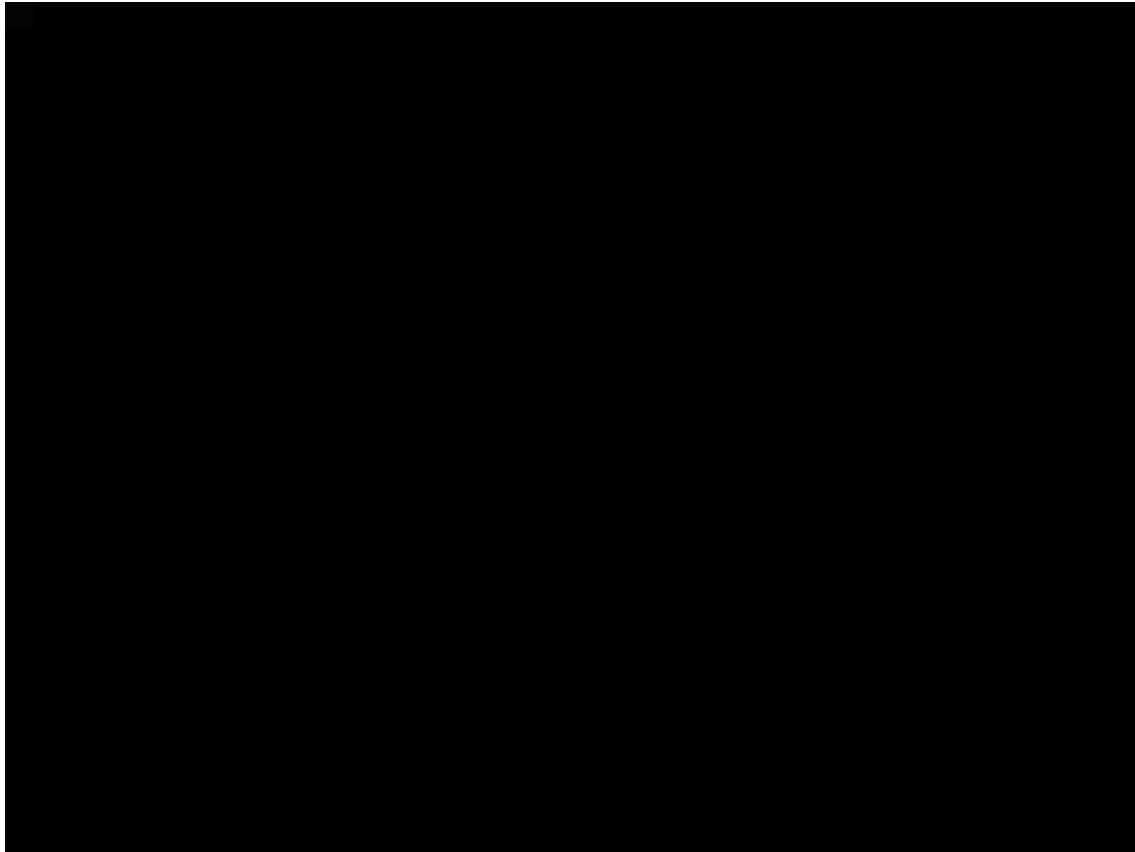
- Wildlife rescue
- Domestic rescue
- Zoos
- Bird of Prey Centres
- Vets
- Catteries & Kennels





Other jobs working with animals

- Veterinary Receptionist
- Veterinary Nursing Assistant
- Pet Shop Manager
- Cattery Manager
- Animal Rescue Officer



Edinburgh Zoo

Giant Pandas

- I helped with their move from China
- I was responsible for their bamboo which was shipped from the Netherlands!
- PLUS! I loved giving them fun toys to play with



Straight after University... Woburn Safari Park

- Temporary contract
- VIP experiences
- Talks and presentations
- Worked with lots of different animals
- Made great connections
- Fantastic experience!

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo

I worked with...

- Chimps
- Red panda
- Squirrel monkeys
- Lemurs
- Hunting Dogs
- Hippos
- Tigers & Lions
- Giraffe
- RHINOS! (My favourite!)





The good and the bad...

- Watching the birth of 3 rhinos
- Meeting David Attenborough, the Queen & other amazing people
- Being in the media
- Animals dying
- Lots of poo!
- Weather conditions
- 365 days a year
- HIGHLY physical



I also ran
experiences like
Keeper For the
Day

I created memories for people...





My advice to you

- Volunteer, volunteer and volunteer!
- There are lots of routes into animal work
 - Keep learning
 - Be confident in your abilities
 - Be prepared to move
- It's a hard job to get your feet into but **SUPER** rewarding



Remember to stand out!

- Charity work looks great on your CV
- Choose a charity you are passionate about
- Really push yourself!



I want to
be a teacher

- Can you guess what my job is now at Worthing High school?

Any questions?

Come and find me in inclusion if you want to find out more😊

