# Durrell Keeper Support Volunteer

## Role Objective
Volunteers assist Durrell’s staff with basic everyday duties in order to free up their time for other animal related tasks. **Note** Volunteers will not have direct contact with animals.

## Why is this role important?
Durrell Keeper Support Volunteers help with a variety of animal husbandry duties in the kitchens and enclosures. They assist food preparation and enclosure cleaning, enabling our trained keepers spend more time in other areas that benefit conservation and animals in the park. While the role can be picked up quickly it is of crucial importance to the animal routine, regular help that keepers can plan around makes a big difference.

## Where
Durrell Wildlife Park

## When
Depending on the section and the task different times are available. Food preparation 09:00-11:00 and 13:15-15:00 daily. Enclosure cleaning times vary but from 08:00/09:00 until approx. 11:00.

## Main Duties
You could be using your hands sorting, chopping and preparing animals dietary requirements into the relevant animal’s buckets or getting a workout cleaning around or inside enclosures. It is important that all volunteers follow Durrell staff instructions plus adhere to health and safety rules.

## What are some of the things we look for in volunteers in this area that can be useful?
Volunteers in this area are reliable, flexible, understanding and friendly in nature. Good communicators with a sense of humour and confidence are welcome.

Food preparation volunteers will need to be comfortable standing and cooking.

Some other tasks, such as cleaning of enclosures, require volunteers with a decent level of fitness as it is physical work. Volunteers will need to be able to closely follow the instructions of Durrell staff.

All volunteers must be able to stand a few smells!

## Skills/Experience Required
- Be able to motivate yourself
- Experience in chopping in a kitchen
- Good communication skills and interpersonal skills
- Previous animal husbandry experience
- Attention to detail

## Reporting to
Durrell Keeper staff on duty

## Contact Names and Email
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