Insider Perspective
Radhika*

I am really happy to share my experiences with Zoo Outreach Organisation. After finishing my M.Com I started writing many bank exams and in the meantime I wanted to join some job to get work experience. I heard from Latha who is my relative that there was a job in ZOO and I can join if I was interested. Even though I finished M.Com I never had an official work experience until I joined ZOO. At ZOO the experience we get is really great as we get to work many different kinds of jobs. Mainly I help Latha with the administration and accounts-related jobs. I am really satisfied that I am now acquiring skills and knowledge in many disciplines, such as computer packages, accounts, income tax, administration etc. It gives me the satisfaction, which I won’t get in any bank or government jobs that I was searching.

I would like to honour our Madam Sally Walker, who has dedicated herself to zoo and wildlife conservation for the last 30 years. I always admire her for the hard work she puts in. I always wonder how she manages all the works in spite of her official travels, personal work etc. The other thing I like in her is she always thinks about our future rather than her own. Next Sanjay Molur, our Deputy Director who is very knowledgeable in many subject areas. Anything we talk about, he will have quite a lot of information to share with us. I would say he is our ZOO encyclopedia and also he is very cool to work with due to his hinkey sense of humour.

Latha, a powerful administrator, is very strict in training the staff better and she teaches us all the kinds of work that she does. She enjoys teaching everyone what she learnt from her experience. She has dedicated herself to Sally Madam and ZOO. Daniel, Scientific Officer, is an entomologist by education but he is equally interested in wildlife education. He is a very quiet person. Marimuthu our Education Officer is always cheerful and happy. Geetha is a very helpful person who works together with me like a sister. Ravichandran is also a hard worker as he works mostly for Sanjay now and very helpful. Pravin maintains the many databases of ZOO and is good at designing. Arul and Raveendran take care of the dispatch and outside work. They put in very hard work when we send education packets for special events and are always cheerful. It is fun to rag Arul as he is the youngest of us. Sarojamma is our office Mom who is very kind and helpful to everyone.

I tell others that our office is disciplined and strict but also very cheerful and joyful. I feel proud to be a part of ZOO. I hope ZOO will celebrate endless anniversaries. I am quiet by nature and hard to know if I am happy with my job, so I am thankful for this opportunity to share my happiness.

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Mammals
Lion Panthera leo 0.1
Brown bear Ursus arctos isabellinus 1.2
Black bear Ursus thibetanus 2.1
Goitered Gazelle Gazella subgullurosa 5.4
Rhesus macaque Macaca mulatta 15.2
Wolf, Canis lupus 8.3
Jackal, Canis aureus 3.1
Red fox, Vulpes vulpes 2.1
Crested porcupine, Hystrix indica 5.2
Long-tailed marmot, Marmota acaudata 1.0
Domestic pig, Susscrofa domestica 1.0

Birds
Indian peafowl, Pavo cristatus 11.4.
Domestic turkey Meleagris gallopavo 1.1
Love bird Agapornis spp 0.0.12
Ringed parakeet Psittacula krameri 0.0.8
Helmeted guinea fowl Numida meleagris 2.0
Demoiselle crane Anthropoides virgo 1.2
Grey heron, Ardea cinerea 0.1
Eagle owl, Bubo Bubo 0.0.6
Great white pelican Pelecanus onocrotalus 1.0
Common Domestic Duck 3.6
Rock pigeon Columba livia 0.0.45
Cockatiel Nymphicus nollandicus 0.0.4
Domestic goose, Anser spp 5.10
Laughing Dove, Streptopelia galensis 0.0.12
Eagle 0.0.2
Griffon vulture, Gyps fulvus 2.1
Black kite, Milvus migrans 0.0.3
Bittern, Botaurus stellaris 0.0.1