



# ASAB Careers Case Study

## Animal Centre Technician

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**What are the main duties of your job?** Day-to-day care of zoo animals, supervise work experience practical sessions on zoo section.

**What was your career path to get this job?**

ND Animal Management at Sparsholt College, worked at Moulton College, Diploma in Management of Zoo Animals, Diploma in Teaching in Lifelong Learning Sector.

**My friends think I...** Cuddle animals all day.

**My family thinks I...** should earn more money!

**I actually...** spend a lot of time cleaning up faeces!



**What are the best bits of your job?**

Organising and running the Conservation Club

**What kind of progression opportunities are there?** Move to different collections, move to being a lecturer at this college or different location.

Average salary for this role  
£17,000

**Where do you see yourself career-wise in ten years?** More conservation based, ideally in-situ.

**What is your dream job?** Wildlife Conservationist

**What was your best single day at work?** The day our Red Squirrel kits went for release to the wild as part of a captive breeding for release programme.

**When you tell people what you do for a living, they usually say ...** "Oh cool, do you have lions?"

Describe in three words the kind of person that would suit this job?  
**Patient  
passionate  
flexible**

