

Husbandry in the Children's Zoo

Husbandry is the care of animals. When working with all animals, remain calm and always use slow, deliberate movements. Let the animals know where you are at all times and make NO loud noises.

FEED ROOMS must remain neat and tidy at all times because this is where all zookeeping tools are stored. Each tool has its place. This place, when not in someone's hand, is hanging in the feed rooms.

- ❖ Each rake, scoop, broom, dustpan, and shovel has a designated place to hang. That place should be labeled. If not, or if you are unsure where something goes, ask the Children's Zoo Keepers.
- ❖ Grains and other feeds are labeled in separate cans. Be sure the tops are always placed securely on cans because rodents will take advantage of open feed cans at any opportunity.
- ❖ Three kinds of hay are kept in the feed rooms. GRASS for goats, sheep, llamas, and donkeys. ALFALFA for pigs. STRAW for bedding. Hay should be stacked by its type on pallets in the feed rooms. Please make sure the floor is kept as clean as possible and swept throughout the day.
- ❖ Feces should never be found in feed rooms.

GOAT & SHEEP

Tools rake, shovel, scoop, broom, trash bags, sifter

Tasks Shovel and scoop out feces and old hay from the stalls. Place waste in trash bags. Hose out the stalls towards the rear of the barn and into the gutter behind the barn. Dump out water tubs and refill with fresh water. Rake up hay in yard and sift feces out of sand. Clean out gutter behind barn.

POT-BELLIED PIG

Tools rake, scoop, wheelbarrow

Tasks Prepare diets as directed. Feed. Remove feces and any other debris from the yard and barn. Rake entire yard to improve overall appearance. Change water. Fill wallow.

DONKEY/LLAMA/ALPACA/CAMEL/YAK BARN

Tools rake, scoop, wheelbarrow

Tasks Remove all hay, feces and other debris from barn and yards. Rake entire yard to improve overall appearance. Change water. Hose barn as needed. Apply new dirt and/or gravel to toilet areas in outside exhibits as needed.

CHICKEN COOP

Tools small rake, sifter, shovel, broom

Tasks Sift or rake outside yard. Change water and fill feeder as necessary. Clean coop and change pine shavings as directed by the Children's Zoo Keeper. Gather any eggs and place in the refrigerator at the shop kitchen.

PUBLIC AREAS

Tools broom, dustpan, hose, trash bags

Tasks Spot clean public areas throughout the day as needed. Sweep and hose walkways. Empty garbage cans and replace liners. Water plants and grass as needed. Weeding will be under supervision. Pick up litter throughout the day. Place the contact yard feeder outside of the contact yard for the public in the morning. Fill the contact yard feeder as needed. Notify a Children's Zoo Keeper if it appears that the money needs to be emptied. They will contact a cashier. Place the feeder in the barn at night.

