



## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A ZOOKEEPER

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Anna Anderson is a zookeeper at Pueblo Zoo. When she was younger, she loved animals but didn't think about zookeeping as a job. She studied Fisheries and Wildlife in college and did internships at different zoos. During one internship, she realized she really loved working with animals.

Now, Anna takes care of 50 animals every day. She starts her day with a team meeting. Then, she checks on the animals to make sure they are healthy. A big part of her job is cleaning cages and animal areas. She also helps prepare the animals' food and makes sure they eat the right meals.

Anna gives the animals toys or new things to play with. This is called enrichment, and it helps keep animals happy and active. She also trains animals to do simple tasks like stepping on a scale or getting nail trims. Anna enjoys teaching zoo visitors about animals and how to protect them.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A ZOOKEEPER

Part A: multiple choice

1. What is Anna Anderson's job?
2. Why did Anna choose to become a zookeeper?

Part B: True or False

3. Anna feeds the animals and helps prepare their meals. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Enrichment is something that keeps the animals happy and active. \_\_\_\_\_
5. A zookeeper's job is always clean and easy. \_\_\_\_\_