

THE BIRMINGHAM  
**BOTANICAL  
GARDENS**  
TURN OVER A NEW LEAF

ROLE DESCRIPTION

ROLE TITLE: **Education Animal Volunteer**

RESPONSIBLE TO: Education Manager

AIM: To assist with a small collection of animals including reptiles and invertebrates at the Botanical Gardens.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The volunteer can undertake any of the following activities from the range shown below following appropriate instruction or under the supervision of the Education Manager:

- Handling reptiles including a Bearded Dragon, two adult Corn Snakes, a Chameleon and a Tortoise
- Handling invertebrates including Tropical Millipedes and a Giant African Land Snail
- Handling mammals including a Madagascan Tenrec
- Feeding the animal collection
- Cleaning their vivariums

PERSON DESCRIPTION

Some previous experience of working with animals, especially the above specified species would be advantageous. You must be confident to handle the animals including where necessary, transporting them between rooms on site to care for them, as directed by room availability in the Education zone.

You must be confident to handle live feed including crickets and locusts to the Bearded Dragons and frozen mice to the Snakes. Vegetables and fruit will be required to be cut and shredded to feed the animals in addition.

Must be enthusiastic, dependable, and able to work unsupervised.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

This role requires you for approximately two hours each time. Days where volunteers are needed vary from week to week but include Saturdays or Sundays. We are looking for you to be available as often as possible, but if you can only offer a hours here and there, we would still be grateful for your help! Full training and induction will be provided if your application is successful.

This role is located at The Birmingham Botanical Gardens & Glasshouses, Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR. 0121 454 1860