CAD Designer Vacancy - Freelance



Hertfordshire Zoo is focused on Long-term Conservation and on creating the best possible environments for the 500+ animals that call HZ home.

We now have a unique opportunity for a CAD Designer to use their skills to create technical design drawings to help us design, cost-estimate and build animal enclosures and other constructions around the Zoo site.

Recent and current builds vary hugely in type and scale of project, and include the new Sun Bear Heights. Big Cat (Lion, Tiger & Jaguar) habitats, large public walkways, a new Gibbon habitat, theming of on-site buildings and more regular constructions (such as a native species trail, enormous natural wooden pergolas and hexagonal glass habitats for reptiles). You could literally be working on anything!

What Are We Doing?

We have our own in-house construction team that builds our enclosures, and we want to take to it the next level with better and more detailed design at the beginning of projects. This will enable us to better estimate costs, build times and help the team in the construction process with better drawings.

What Are We Looking For?

Someone who can:

- Produce 2D scaled CAD designs with dimensions, possibly turning them into 3D rendered as well
- Be able to layer up drawings (e.g. studwork, insulation, plasterboard, plaster, paint etc.)
- Be able to modify/revise drawings quickly (this will sometimes mean coming to the Zoo to attend design meetings as well as working remotely)

There is a possibility that this could lead to continuous work for the right candidate, and you will be gaining experience in a unique and prestigious sector (How many Zoo

designers do you know?!)

How Will It Work?

Initially, we would like you to advise a lump sum £ price to produce a set of drawings

and include x amount of revisions to the drawing and be available also for occasional

site and design meetings. This will be further discussed once we short-list the

applicants.

How Do I apply?

We, of course, would like to see your CV plus two or three examples from your portfolio

(in pdf format), but we also require applicants to submit a simple design based on the

attached "Quarantine" brief (this is not an academic exercise - In the next few months

we will be starting this as a live project so whoever the selected candidate is will be

using this to continue the design). There is no right/wrong answer to this either - we

just want to see what you can do.

If you think you are the perfect fit for this role, please apply now by emailing

your CV and a cover letter, along with any relevant examples of your work, to

michael.felstead@hertfordshirezoo.com

Closing date: Sunday 12th May 5pm

Quarantine Brief

We occasionally have to hold animals (coming in and going out of the zoo) in a separate quarantine area. This is normal under the requirements for Zoos participating in international exchange of animals for conservation and international breeding programs.

Attached is a previous GA (General Arrangement) Drawing that is a previous rough draft and just for reference.

We would like you to create some new example drawings 2D and/or 3D to show plot plan, side elevations and possibly 3D rendering. We would also like you to have a free reign to show as many detailed dimensions as you see fit. The purpose being that the more dimensions on a drawing the easier it is for our team to build. Also if you can show examples of layers such as drainage, electrical wiring, studwork, plumbing.

Please remember there is no right or wrong answer to this and you are free to make as many assumptions as you like for example, you may opt to put in and show underground drainage. It doesn't matter what size pipe diameter you use or where you put it, it's just to show that the design can be layered up so we can see the different construction layers.

So, we are looking at a plot of 50m Long x 10m Wide.

On one side we have a Category 1 holding area (for big cats) $25m \text{ Long } \times 10m$ Wide x 4m Tall. The exterior holding pen is constructed of steel. Steel posts (steel Hollow Section) set in the ground in concrete. Welded/Riveted to these posts is steel mesh $25mm \times 25mm$ square holes with 4mm thick wire. There should be a double-door "airlock" to gain access to the outside enclosure (i.e.

so there isn't a single door in/out). Next to the exterior cat enclosure is the Cat den and keeper area. This can be a brick-built construction and it is an area where the cats can sleep/be inside. There should be a mesh barrier between the cat den and the keeper area. There can be water facilities for cleaning (sink, taps etc)

On the remaining 25m x 10m plot we would like to have an area for smaller animals So maybe 3 or 4 units that consist of the same external area in stell posts/mesh (50mm square mesh), each with its own attached brick built den area and a common keeper area.

There is no right or wrong answer to this. You are free to make assumptions as you see fit and show us your technical and creative skills!

