



IMPORTANT JOBS

AT ZOOS



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A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Want to take a walk on the wild side? Come to the zoo! Seeing different kinds of animals is fun! Zoos don't just need animals. They need people too.

Find out who helps make your visit special. There is a job at the zoo for everyone. Every job is important!





TICKET TAKERS

Before you see any animals, you often see a ticket taker. Everyone needs a ticket to get into the zoo. If you bought a ticket online, a ticket taker checks it. If you still need a ticket, they sell you one.

Do you have a question about the zoo? Just ask them. What time is the animal show? How do you get to the rhino **exhibit**? Where are the bathrooms? A ticket taker can help.

ZOOKEEPERS

Who else works at the zoo? The first person you might think of is the zookeeper. They make sure animals are clean and healthy. They feed and water the animals every day. They clean up pens. They make sure all the gates are closed! Nobody knows the animals at the zoo better than a zookeeper.

