

Meet Our Animal Carer Foster Mums



Delvinder, Invertebrates Mum
Singapore Zoo

"I've been looking after the invertebrates for six years now and even after having raised more than hundreds of creepy crawly babies each year, it still excites me to watch them come to life. This was especially so when I found out our Dragon Headed Katydid hatched for the first time after multiple breeding attempts! Invertebrates are both intriguing and inspiring, which encourages me to constantly better myself so I can better care for them."

Delvinder can be found at the Fragile Forest at Singapore Zoo caring for our Invertebrates!

Fun Fact: The invertebrates don't have a backbone or a skeleton. Instead, most of them have an exoskeleton which supports and protect them from the outside!



Ellen, Ring-tailed Lemur Mum
Singapore Zoo

"The ring-tailed lemurs are a big part of my life, having been with them since 2009. Although my husband and I choose not to have kids, I have come to regard the lemurs as my furry kids. I like to catch them roaming around or sunbathing during the day and have little conversations with them. My favourite part is when they come up to me to ask for a snack and being able to hold their little hands or stroke their fur. I also feel super proud of them when they pick up a new behaviour and can show it off in the presentations for the public to appreciate as well."

Do cheer Ellen and her Ring-tailed lemurs on at the Rainforest Fights Back Show at Singapore Zoo!

Fun Fact: Ring tailed lemurs love stink fighting - where they rub their tail onto their scent glands and wave their tails at each other, it can get quite intense. The idea is the smelliest lemur wins! In case you're wondering about the smell - it's a faint musky odour.



Eileen, Capybara Mum
River Wonders



"I work with many different animals here at River Wonders show, but one of the animals holds a special place in my heart - Jelly the capybara! We've been through quite a bit with him such as the time he got hurt and had to undergo surgery. Having to guide him through physiotherapy after was challenging as he is the most stubborn out of the three brothers - he often runs out of patience when tired, so I have to give him some time before coaxing him to continue. It definitely helps that Jelly trusts me and we have a special bond - my favourite moment is when he lies down on the floor and rolls over so I can scratch his belly which is unusual for a skittish animal like a capybara!"

Be sure to catch Eileen and Jelly in action at the Once Upon A River Show at River Wonders!

Fun Fact: Jelly can give some serious side-eye...especially when he gets jealous that I am interacting with his brothers instead or taking too long to come play with him!



Trisha, Giant Panda Mum
River Wonders

"I've been taking care of the Giant Pandas since they arrived in Singapore in 2012. I love spending time with my 'fur-kids' and making sure they are well cared for! The pandas have moods and minds of their own too and it takes lots of patience to understand them and make them feel better. However, it's the little moments like when the pandas affectionately ask for scratches by rubbing their bodies against the meshing that make it all worth it."

Give Trisha a wave the next time you visit the Giant Pandas at River Wonders!

Fun Fact: Jia Jia likes to throw a mini tantrum if we take too long to feed her during training by 'accidentally' biting our fingers taking her food. When we tell her off, she will look innocently back at us as if she did nothing wrong.



Kenzi, Bearded Pigs Mum
Night Safari

"You could consider me a relatively new mum of 3-months, of the Bearded Pigs. We've only had them since January of this year! As their primary trainer, I have a special relationship with them compared to the other animals under my care. They are active, inquisitive and super fast - always keeping me on my toes. With how smart they are and their distinct personalities, they challenge me to keep them engaged with different activities. Just like as with toddlers, I have to have eyes at the back of my head at all times!"

Keep a look out for future appearances of Kenzi and our Bearded pigs at the Creatures of the Night Show at Night Safari!

Fun Fact: Netra, Bima, Cahaya and Samudra are generally quiet except when it comes to their feeding times - then you can hear them squealing excitedly from anywhere in the department. Their favourite food is apples!



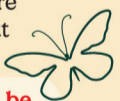
Riana, Aardvark Mum
Night Safari



"I've worked with many animals at the Night Safari for eight years including Alika the Aardvark - having worked with her for such a long time I see her as my family. I love being able to take care of them and getting close to them, in fact it's hard because I get so emotionally attached and can't help but worry when they are sick, just like you would your child. Simply being around them gives me a special feeling of contentment that can't be replaced!"

Keep a look out for Riana when you visit Alika along East Lodge Trail at Night Safari - she might just be round the corner!

Fun Fact: Alika is a real foodie! She likes to cling on to me while standing on her hind legs to ask for food. Even after a feed, she would follow me around and nudge at my leg to ask for more!



Nara, Lori & Lorikeet Mum
Jurong Bird Park

"I've worked at Lory Loft since 2015 and like to think of myself as a 'stay-at-aviary' mum whose job is to make all the birds feel comfortable and at home. You'd be surprised that they sometimes behave just like toddlers with all their complex personalities. Being a Lory mum has taught me to enjoy the simpler things in life just as these little birds are happy with the simple joy of food and attention!"

Visit Lory Loft at Jurong Bird Park during feeding hours to witness the bond between Nara and her Lories!

Fun Fact: The lorikeets have their own groups and sometimes a wandering lorikeet in another group can result in beak-erings! I have to be around to play peace-maker by remembering the different groups and where they like to hang out.



Sheena, Pelican Mum
Jurong Bird Park





"I've worked with many different birds (30 species and 397 birds, to be exact) for over eight years, but one of the birds who is special to me is Huggies, a rescued pelican. He was abandoned as a chick and raised by all of us here at Bird show. Huggies has grown to be big boy now, one of the biggest in fact! I feel privileged to be his trusted caregiver and it warms my heart knowing we have a special bond - whenever I walk past his aviary he will run all the way to the front to say hi, which is a behaviour he does only towards me!"

Watch Sheena and Huggies in action at the High Flyers Show at Jurong Bird Park!

Fun Fact: As Huggies was hand-raised by us, just like a child on a wagon, he would sit in a basket and get to travel around the park (even on the trams!) He loves these trips, especially because of all the attention from guests around the park.



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