

Job Information Pack

Position Summary

Company Name:

Rossanco Limited

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Rossanco Limited is New Zealand based, operates in Japan and is owned by Ross and Janis MacDonald. The company was formed in 1998 to perform farm shows in Japan and has been employing New Zealand Shepherds in a variety of locations throughout Japan since then. Over this time Rossanco Ltd has built strong working relationships with various Japanese companies.

At present the company has 3 locations in Japan, each of them with different show areas and set ups. The New Zealand Farm shows main attractions are horses, dogs (huntaway and eyedogs), sheep, and shearing along with a variety of other entertaining features that showcase a slice of New Zealand farming. Some Japanese speaking is necessary – Rossanco Ltd will assist with teaching some basic Japanese prior to departure. High quality New Zealand working dogs are exported to Japan for the shows. Sheep numbers vary dependant on the show location and shows range from drafting up sheep through to shearing sheep on stage.

The show season is April through to the beginning of December.

Job Title:

Shepherd

Position Overview:

If you enjoy working farm dogs, then this is a great opportunity to showcase your shepherding skills in a tourism setting, gain experience overseas and meet a new network of people while enjoying the Japanese culture.

About 40 Shepherds have been taken to Japan through this business over the past 20 years. A Shepherd is currently sought for the Kobe location. Final applicants will have the opportunity (if requested) to talk to Shepherds who have previously worked in Japan and can provide feedback on their experience.

The position requires someone who is responsible, reliable and punctual, patient, a good communicator and someone who is willing to engage in a new culture and work in a team.

An average day includes, taking care of the dogs and the sheep (most sheep are housed indoors at night), cleaning

Attributes/Skills Required:

when and as required, show preparation, complete shows (30 minutes slots) with generally 2-3 shows per day and 4 shows during peak season.

- Open and engaging personality.
- Energetic person with good people skills and farming experience including dog handling ability and sheep shearing skills.
- Taking care of the show animals, including animal health, feeding and cleaning their housing.
- Some knowledge and experience with horses.
- Able to do basic repairs and maintenance e.g. fencing
- Performing farm shows requires an outgoing and engaging personality.
- It is expected that some basic Japanese is learnt.
- Also need to be well presented as this is a public facing role.
- Due to the cultural sensitivities of our client's market it is a requirement that any tattoos are not visible during work hours.
- No criminal record.
- Performing live shows requires a lot of training; the ability to take advice, guidance and constructive criticism is a necessity.
- The best people in a role like this are those willing to go the extra mile; will need to be a people person.

Duration of Position:

April 2020 through to the beginning of December 2020.

Ultimately the owners would like to have people willing to commit to a longer term relationship. In the past the job has set up well for people who wish to travel to other countries, or to return to New Zealand over the summer and pursue casual work over the summer. The right person may be accommodated as a one-off experience also.

Proposed Start Date:

April 2020

Remuneration / Total Package:

- Salary: to be discussed
- 1 day off per week
- Package includes:
 - fully furnished accommodation
 - power and gas water
 - also airfares, transfers and insurances
 - transport to and from work
 - uniform
 - all lunches while working

Staff Induction:

Ross will travel over with the appointee(s) and spend time getting them established into the culture and routine. He

Career Opportunities/Benefits:

will assist with basic language training and show training and will visit every 6-8 weeks thereafter during the contract.

- Great opportunity to be part of another culture.
- Meet new people.
- Take on some responsibility.
- Show off the New Zealand culture.

Partner Work Opportunities:

N/A – single accommodation provided only.

Show Information

Show Location:

Kobe – Japan.

Animal Health Practices:

Best practice at all times, this role is in the public eye, and so animal health is a priority.

Photos



