

Kerston Swartz

Kerston Swartz is the Public Affairs and Advocacy Manager at Woodland Park Zoo. Kerston has a Masters of Public Administration with an emphasis in environmental policy from the Evans School, and has focused much of her career on external outreach and government relations. Born an animal and political nerd, Kerston's ultimate professional goal is to use her government experience to pass laws and work with elected officials to protect animals. At Woodland Park Zoo, she has ran several voters initiative campaigns, including the first voter approved statewide wildlife trafficking ban. Kerston also works with state and federal lawmakers to enforce the trafficking ban, preserve the Endangered Species Act and coordinate species reintroduction programs in Washington state.