

## Steven



### *What people like and admire about me...*

I'm a 'larger than life' and very cheerful  
I'm great with animals - I have a real sense for what they want.  
My large and unusual music collection  
People say I'm "quirky" or "eccentric"  
I'm a good wildlife photographer  
I'm always very busy and productive.

### *What is important to me...*

Lizzy – she is my soul-mate and one true love  
Animals – I love being in their company. This is true in all situations: the wild, at home, and at the zoo. I find them very comforting.  
Being around people – I love conversation and can talk and talk for hours if left to it!  
Having company is important and I feel lonely without it.  
Loud Music – I like most music but loud rock music is best, especially at a concert. It makes me feel really high.  
Books – I've got hundreds. Books about animals are my favourite. I can read some of the words, but I can look at the pictures for hours.  
Photography – I always carry my camera no matter where I go. Taking a good photo that others like makes me feel proud. A great day out for me is spent in the countryside taking photos of wild animals and birds.  
My family – I have a great mum and dad and me and Lizzy like to see them every week or so.  
Work – I do not work at the moment but I love keeping busy and love finishing a job. Any job. I'd like to try and become a wildlife photographer.

### *How to support me well...*

Talk to me as an equal. I've had a life of being patronised and told I can't do things.  
Lizzy and I like our personal assistant to be like a friend. Please be open and friendly.  
Sometimes Lizzy and I like to be alone. Respect this. There are parts of activities that I cannot do, like reaching to the back of the dishwasher. This does not mean you have to do all of it for me, but just to fill in the gaps.  
Sometimes I speak so fast that people do not understand me. Remind me to slow down or, as sometimes needed, become my interpreter. Do not speak for me though!  
Be prepared to be out a lot. I get very bored and need to explore and meet people. I'm often out very late. I don't often get tired but can forget to take my tablets and can't hear the alert on my watch. Please remind me.  
When I'm out taking photos in the countryside it can take me a long time get around. Please be patient and never tell me to hurry up (It might not look it but I'm trying my hardest)