

Job Classification: Full-Time

Work Schedule: As negotiated in Offer Letter

Reporting Relationship: Director of Animal Health

Primary Accountabilities:

Assist the Zoo Veterinarian in all aspects of clinical, medical, technical and clerical activities.

Major Duties:

Assists with maintaining Animal Health program

- Helps with general upkeep of hospital equipment and facility.
- Schedules and assists with preventative maintenance, following the Veterinary Health Care Program
- Contributes positively to the workplace and communicates/interacts effectively with all persons including coworkers, volunteers, and visitors.
- Stays compliant with regulatory agencies

Participate in medical procedures by:

- Setting up equipment for surgery, immobilization, and anesthesia.
- Induction and monitoring anesthesia.
- Prepares animal for surgery.
- Ensures equipment is functioning.

Provide animal care for patients in hospital and undergoing quarantine by:

- Setting up housing.
- Treatments as prescribed.
- Cleaning and feeding, and enrichment.

Provide laboratory services:

- Maintaining the Parasitology schedule for the animals.
- Sample collection, processing, shipments/transfers.
- Investigate or organize protocols for additional lab procedures as needed.

Maintain the Pharmacy by:

- Taking Inventory of medical supplies.
- Purchasing and restocking.
- Disposal of expired inventory.

Required Qualifications:

- At least a two-year degree from an accredited school in Veterinary Technology or its equivalent.
- Obtain a State of Kansas Registered Veterinary Technician license upon hire.
- Valid Kansas driver's license, or ability to acquire one once hired.
- Ability to pass pre-employment screening, including criminal background check.
- Reliable and punctual attendance habits. With high quality performance.
- At least one year working experience, preferably in a zoo, providing animal care or equivalent combination of experience and training, which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

Physical Demands:

- Ability to frequently reach with hands and arms. Along with the ability, be able to bend, lift, pull, twist, push, squat and drag. Have good "hand/ eye" coordination.
- Ability to routinely lift, carry, or move fifty (50) pounds.
- Ability to stand and sit for periods of time and to move intermittently throughout the workday.
- Ability to regularly walk assigned area several times per day and efficiently enter all enclosures.
- Ability to safely handle and operate hand tools, power tools, and other equipment necessary to conduct assigned tasks.
- Ability to work both indoors and outdoors, with exposure to extreme temperatures and inclement weather conditions; the environment may include wet, icy, or muddy conditions.
- Have good time management while showing productivity.

Work Environment:

- Regularly exposed to outdoor weather conditions.
- Interaction with staff and customers, including demanding or difficult customers and/or situations.
- Although most work performed is within scheduled hours, some irregular hours on evenings, weekends, and holidays may be necessary. Willingness to work flexible schedules when necessary including weekends, holidays and nights.
- Knowledge of the principles and techniques of animal health.
- Knowledge of the dangers & precautions taken in handling & working around dangerous animals.
- Knowledge of the habits, dietary needs and other requirements of zoo animals.
- Knowledge in training techniques; able and willing to be critiqued for improvement.
- Able to adapt to constant change, pressure and stressful situations when working with animals.
- Able to stay calm, respond quickly when emergencies occur.

Additional Duties:



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Additional duties and responsibilities may be added to this job description at any time. The job description does not state or imply that these are the only activities to be performed by the employee(s) holding this position. Employees are required to follow any other job-related instructions and to perform any other job-related responsibilities as requested by their supervisor.

Employee Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

Date