

## **Registered Zoo Vet Tech (full-time)**

### **Who we are:**

At the Topeka Zoo, we believe what we do changes the world by enriching our community through wildlife conservation and education.

### **Why work with us?**

We are committed to ensuring everyone feels welcome and valued by striving to create an environment that is as diverse as the wild spaces we are trying to protect. From birth to specialized geriatric care, zoo staff ensure a safe, healthy, and engaging environment on a daily basis. Zoos serve as a connection between the wild and communities-educating guests on the world's animals and how to preserve them. The Topeka Zoo works with accredited facilities across the globe to research and provide data for numerous conservation efforts. We are fully dedicated to safeguarding wildlife through conservation support, spearheading boots-on-ground research, active breeding programs, award winning habitats, innovative animal care and health programs.

### **Benefits:**

- Group health insurance
- Retirement savings plan
- Paid time off
- Paid holidays
- Paid parental leave

### **Hours**

Schedule is a 5-day 40-hr work week including Weekends & Holidays, typically 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.  
Will work two days independently with no Vet onsite

### **A day in the life of a Vet Tech team member:**

- Assist with maintaining the Animal Health program
  - Schedule & assist with preventative maintenance
- Participate in medical procedures
  - Prep equipment for surgery, immobilization, and anesthesia
  - Prep animals for surgery
  - Test equipment per-surgery
- Provide animal care for patients in hospital and undergoing quarantine
  - Set up housing
  - Treatments as prescribed
  - Cleaning, feeding, and enrichment
- Provide laboratory services
  - Maintain the Parasitology schedule for the animals
  - Sample collection, processing, shipments, and transfers
- Maintain the Pharmacy & medical equipment
  - Track inventory of medical supplies
  - Purchase and restock
  - Dispose of expired inventory
  - Ensure equipment in operating condition

### **Vet Tech attributes and skills:**

- Amazing ability to connect with people and animals

- Contributes positively to the workplace and communicates/interacts effectively with all persons including coworkers, volunteers, and visitors.
- Performs additional duties, as assigned.

**Vet Tech 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 a criminal background check.
- Reliable and punctual attendance habits with high-quality performance.
- At least one-year of work experience, preferably in a zoo, providing animal care or equivalent combination of experience and training, which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities.
- Commitment to the mission of the Topeka Zoo and its Core Values.

**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 areas 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.

**Salary Range:**

\$17.00 to \$19.50

If interested, email resume to [slizo@topekazoo.org](mailto:slizo@topekazoo.org).