

FACILITY: Aggieland Safari
LOCATION: College Station, TX
JOB TITLE: Veterinary Technician

The Aggieland Safari is pleased to announce a staff opening for Veterinary Technician beginning as soon as possible. Aggieland Safari is a newly established private facility that will be opening in the Brazos Valley in May 2019. At its grand opening, the 250-acre park will host over 1000 animals, with plans for further expansion of the park and its inhabitants over the next 2 to 5 years. Veterinary care is being offered on site by a full-time veterinarian. Currently, all veterinary care is provided via ambulatory services. However, designs for the on-site hospital are being finalized, and the hospital will be fully functioning within the next 6-8 months.

The "twin cities" of Bryan and College Station are home to a population of approximately 275,000 people. Home to Texas A&M University, the booming college metropolis also hosts an additional 65,000 students each year. These cities, along with the surrounding Brazos Valley, are known commonly as Aggieland! The area has rapidly grown as large numbers families, often Texas A&M alumni, continue to move into the region. The twin-cities of Aggieland are located in central Texas, a maximum of two to three hours from the four largest cities in the state of Texas. The region is known for its spirit, growth, affordability, as well as a small-town ambiance with the amenities of a larger city.

We are seeking a qualified, experienced, and innovative applicant to serve as a full-time veterinary technician working alongside the staff veterinarian. A list of expected duties has been provided below. However, applicants should be flexible and expect a period of development and growth while the safari is within its first year. The hired individual will be encouraged to participate in the planning and starting operations for the hospital facility.

DUTIES

Veterinary Care

- Assist veterinarian in daily patient care and observations for a variety of exotic and domestic species
- Perform patient treatments for in hospital patients including ICU and quarantined patients
- Prepare daily prescription medications for patients and assist zoo keepers in administration as needed
- Assist veterinarian in minor and major surgical procedures both in the field and in hospital – this includes assisting in anesthetic monitoring
- Facilitate in-house diagnostic tests and prepare samples for outside analysis

Administrative Duties

- Assist veterinarian in managing outside accounts for veterinary services
- Assist in the acquisition of supplies and oversee the management of inventory
- Oversee hospital maintenance needs and coordinate with staff

Other Duties

- To be determined as time progresses based on hospital expansion and the individual's skill set

QUALIFICATIONS

Requirements for application include:

- At least 21 years of age
- At least 2 years experience as a veterinary technician (preferably with exotic species or in a zoo setting)
- Excellent communication, organizational skills, and attention to detail
- Pass a criminal background check
- Negative TB test within the last 6 months

Preferred applicants will have:

- At least 5 years experience as a veterinary technician (preferably with exotic species or in a zoo setting)
- Familiarity with a variety of both large and small animal species (exotic or domestic) and/or experience working in wildlife conservation
- Rabies vaccination with up to date titers
- Desire to be a contributing member to the growth of both the hospital and the safari park

SALARY:

Starting salary and benefits are negotiable based on experience and qualifications. Initial benefits will include 10 days paid vacation, medical insurance, and a CE stipend for registered technicians. Other benefits pending negotiations.

CONTACT

To apply, please send your resume/CV along with a personal statement (1 page maximum) and 3 professional references to Dr. Lauren Brady at vet.aggielandsafari@gmail.com. Applications will be accepted until the position has been filled.