

The Birmingham Zoo is seeking a qualified candidate for a full-time licensed veterinary technician position. The Birmingham Zoo is located in Birmingham, Al and is home to over 800 animals of 250 different species. Our veterinary department consists of 2 full time veterinarians, 2 full time licensed veterinary technicians, and 2 full time hospital/quarantine keepers. This position is for the 2nd licensed veterinary technician.

Duties include

- Participation and management of the cases under supervision of the veterinarian.
- Participation in necropsies and anesthesia
- Equipment use and maintenance (Digital radiography, ultrasound, endoscopy, microscope, blood machines)
- Management and entry of patient records(anesthesia records, laboratory results, fecal results) in ZIMS
- Calculating, filling, compounding, and administering prescriptions
- Performing necessary medical treatments for animals within the collection.
- Proficient in laboratory techniques (fecal analysis, urinalysis, hematology(including avian and reptile CBCs), water testing, and cytology)
- Responsible for capturing, crating, and transferring animals using appropriate restraint and handling techniques designed to put the least amount of stress on the animal
- Assisting with inventory
- Preparing and packaging various samples for shipment
- Familiarity with the protocols for handling Class II narcotics and all controlled substances
- Assist in animal care and husbandry of hospitalized patients

Minimum Qualifications

- Graduate from an AVMA accredited veterinary technology program
- Licensed (CVT, RVT or LVT) and able to obtain an Alabama license within 3 months of employment
- At least 1 year paid experience in a veterinary hospital. Experience with exotics and zoo animals in an AZA accredited zoo is preferred
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Able to work independently as well as a member of a team with minimal supervision
- Able to practice good time management, organization, and prioritizing skills
- Valid driver's license

Physical Demands

- Use of hands, fingers, tools or controls
- Frequently required to stand, walk, sit, stoop, kneel, and crouch
- Routinely lift and/or move up to 50lbs
- Occasional exposure to the elements

If interested, please email your resume, cover letter, and list of references to bweidner@birminghamzoo.com