



Birmingham Zoo
2630 Cahaba Rd
Birmingham, AL 35223

JOB POSTING NOTICE

TITLE: Licensed Veterinary Technician

DEPARTMENT: Animal Health Center

Job Summary:

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 two full time veterinarians, two full time licensed veterinary technicians, and two full time hospital/quarantine keepers. This position is for the second licensed veterinary technician.

Essential Functions:

- Participation and management of the cases under supervision of the veterinarians
- Participation in anesthetic events (induction, intubation, monitoring)
- Performing or assisting with necropsies
- Equipment use and maintenance (Digital radiography, ultrasound, endoscopy, microscope, IDEXX blood machines, remote darting equipment)
- Management and entry of patient records(anesthesia records, laboratory results, fecal results, and prescriptions) 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 manual differentials on mammals, avian, reptiles, and elephants), water coliform 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
- Preparing and packaging various samples for shipment or archive
- Familiarity with the protocols for handling Class II narcotics and all controlled substances
- Assist in animal care and husbandry of hospitalized patients

Minimum qualifications (Special skills, knowledge, ability, education, etc.):

- 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
- Must have a current valid driver's license with no prior traffic violations (within the last five years)
- Must have current negative TB test and provide documentation, or be willing to have a TB test
- Must be rabies and COVID vaccinated and able to provide documentation, or be willing to become vaccinated
- Must be First aid/CPR certified or willing to be trained and certified

Position Type and Hours of Work:

- Full time, 7:30am-4:30pm Tuesday-Saturday
- Weekdays and weekends required, with occasional evening hours and holidays
- Will be in "On Call" rotation

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

How to Apply:

Please send cover letter, references, and resume to Bridget Weidner, at bweidner@birminghamzoo.com.