



Located along the Space Coast in Melbourne, Florida, the Brevard Zoo is an AZA-accredited facility with a diverse collection of over 900 animals representing nearly 200 species. It is also home to the Sea Turtle Healing Center for rehabilitation of wild marine turtles. Brevard Zoo is well-known for its strong conservation ethic and unique attractions, such as kayaking through the Africa area, giraffe feeding, and rhinoceros and lemur encounters.

The Zoo's growing Department of Veterinary Programs is seeking a dynamic individual to join our team of dedicated animal health professionals as an Animal Health Care Technician. We are searching for a team-oriented candidate that is positive, motivated, and engaging, and will enthusiastically represent Brevard Zoo in all aspects of the job. The Veterinary Programs team consists of its Director and Veterinarian, a Veterinary Intern, an Animal Health Care Assistant, a Commissary Manager, three Animal Nutrition Technicians, a Sea Turtle Program Manager, and a Sea Turtle Program Coordinator.

RESPONSIBILITIES *include, but are not limited to:*

- Preparing for, assisting with, and monitoring of anesthesia.
- Preparing for and assisting with medical and surgical procedures, including phlebotomy, other sample collection, and diagnostic imaging.
- Assisting zoo veterinarians with triage of medical cases presented to the hospital.
- Performing laboratory diagnostic evaluation, including hematology, blood chemistry, cytology, and fecal parasite examinations, as well as preparing biomedical samples for shipment to off-site laboratories or investigators.
- Assisting with administration of medication and treatments for animals including restraint, wound care, and laser therapy.
- Assisting in euthanasia and necropsy examination of animals.
- Filling and organizing medical prescriptions and maintaining pharmacy supplies and drug inventory.
- Assist with animal husbandry needs for hospitalized patients.
- Performing data entry and maintaining complete and current applicable medical records using ZIMS record-keeping system.
- Maintaining standards and cleanliness of laboratory; cleaning, stocking, and maintaining equipment and supplies for radiology, treatment and surgical suites including sterilization procedures.
- Organizing hospital and laboratory workflow to maximize operational efficiency, including investigating new medical equipment or laboratory protocols.
- Supervising and participating in the overall care and maintenance of medical, surgical, and animal holding areas to ensure animal health and safety and staff safety through standard operating procedures for animal care as set forth by AZA, USDA, DEA, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Florida Department of Health, and Brevard Zoo.
- Instructing a variety of veterinary and veterinary technology students, interns, and volunteers.
- Handle multiple and complex responsibilities at the same time; be timely and reliable in attendance and performance; can work well with all levels of staff, volunteers, vendors and guests.
- Assist in research and special maintenance projects, educational and training programs, tours, and other duties as requested.

REQUIREMENTS:

- A veterinary technology degree from an AVMA accredited program and the ability to be certified in the State of Florida within 90 days of hire.
- Ability to obtain a Florida driver's license within 90 days of hire.
- A minimum one year of clinical experience in a zoological facility, preferably one that is accredited by the AZA.
- 3-5 year of professional work experience, preferably with non-domestic species.
- A strong background in performing in-house laboratory testing (e.g., hematology, serum chemistry, cytology, urinalysis, parasitological exams), anesthetic monitoring, and equipment maintenance.
- Experience in avian and reptile hematology is preferred.
- A working knowledge of ZIMS computer medical record keeping system and Microsoft Office products is also beneficial.
- Ability to react calmly and objectively in emergency situations and under adverse conditions.
- Ability to take initiative and work independently in the absence of immediate supervision.
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- Ability to maintain a professional and respectful demeanor at all times.

To apply, please submit a letter of intent, CV, three professional references, and a Brevard Zoo job application (found at brevardzoo.org/careers/) to hr@brevardzoo.org. Please direct any inquiries regarding compensation and benefits to this email address, as well.