

**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
VETERINARY TECHNICIAN
BUTTONWOOD PARK ZOO**

\$15.00 - \$20.10/hr

Assists with all tasks related to veterinary care. Implements veterinary duties and assists other Zoo staff with veterinary care. May assist Zoo Caretakers with the care of the Zoo's animal collection. Provides appropriate medical care as directed to injured or ill animals (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and invertebrates) housed in the animal care complex. Administers medication to animals in the animal care complex and dispenses medications to keepers to administer. May assist Zoo Caretakers in the administration of medication to animals under the Zoo Caretakers' care as directed by the Zoo Veterinarian or DZS. May be required to reconstitute and calculate dosages for medications. Maintains animal health records including ZIMS software and daily reports as directed by the Zoo Veterinarian and the DZS.

Maintains and implements a program of animal health maintenance including, but not limited to, the scheduling of annual physicals and annual vaccinations. Maintains a program of parasite control for the Zoo's animal collection that includes routine fecal collection, examination and the appropriate dispensing of de-wormer medicines. Collects or requests Zoo Caretakers to collect appropriate biological specimens (urine, fecal material, blood, etc.) and analyzes specimens using appropriate laboratory procedures in clinical pathology and histopathology. Prepares and ships biological specimens to appropriate labs when necessary. Assists in veterinary procedures (including chemical or physical restraint of animals). Monitors physiological signs of animals during chemical immobilization. Monitors patient vital parameters during anesthetic procedures. Provides assistance during surgical procedures. Maintains surgical instrumentation and equipment

Will be a member of the Dangerous Animal Response Team, which will include preparation of and use of firearms and darting equipment. Radiographs animals and develops radiographs for viewing. Must be familiar with radiograph equipment and animal anatomy. Assists in post-mortem necropsy examinations. Performs daily housekeeping and maintenance for the animal hospital complex (offices, animal and examination areas). Certain areas must be maintained in aseptic conditions (lab, examination room, surgical room).

Must have a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, mandatory by MGL Chapter 6 Sec. 172C. Must have or be able to obtain an FID card.

For application/complete job description, please visit the City of New Bedford website or contact the Personnel Department at 508-979-1444. **New Bedford has a residency requirement.** EEO