



CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER FOUNDATION
POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE:	Veterinary Technician	REPORTS TO:	Husbandry Manager
DEPARTMENT:	Living Collections	FSLA STATUS:	Part time, Non-Exempt

SUMMARY Under the supervision of the Husbandry Manager, the Veterinary Technician is responsible for providing support and coverage to the full-time Veterinary Technician and Veterinarian for a collection of birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, and invertebrates. Works collaboratively with others to support a high-quality animal health management program.

QUALIFICATIONS

- California RVT license required or ability to obtain one within 6 months of hire.
- 1+ year veterinary technician experience under the supervision of a veterinarian required. Experience with exotic animals highly preferred. This would include the ability to properly use common veterinary medical supplies and equipment, administer animal medications, and safely handle/restrain a variety of animals.
- Ability to safely anesthetize/monitor birds, reptiles, small mammals, and fish and the confidence and ability to perform euthanasia and necropsies highly preferred.
- Experience working with USDA, FDA, AZA, and other regulatory standards and policies with regard to veterinary care for animals in human care.
- Working knowledge of standard husbandry skills for a variety of animals.
- Ability to perform basic in-house laboratory tests, such as fecal analysis, hematocrit, and cytology.
- Ability to use computer programs such as Outlook, Word, and Excel.
- Excellent organizational skills and the ability to handle multiple priorities and deadlines.
- Self-starter with excellent attention to detail and the capacity to use good judgment and use of decision-making authority.
- Good written and oral communication skills required; including the ability to clearly, compassionately, and respectfully engage in discussion and prevent/resolve conflict with a diverse staff in a team setting.
- Ability to remain calm and focused during stressful situations.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision and collaboratively within a larger team environment.
- Ability to lift and carry 30 pounds.
- Ability to work a flexible schedule that may include weekends, holidays, and some evenings.

MAJOR JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Perform medical procedures, including administering/monitoring anesthesia, radiology, blood collection, euthanasia, etc. under the supervision of the Veterinarian.
- Assist Veterinarian in performing routine diagnostic tests, including hematology, cytology, and parasitology.
- In conjunction with Husbandry Managers, assess and communicate new animal problems to the Veterinarian, evaluating and triaging new cases as they arise.
- Maintain medical records, tracking treatments performed, medications given, and laboratory reports received.
- May perform necropsies, including recording observations and findings and collecting/preparing/tracking tissues for evaluation.
- Administer medical treatments within the limitations of the law, including medical calculations such as dilutions & dosages and dispensing & tracking drugs with precision.
- Provide coverage for the full-time Veterinary Technician by assuming additional responsibilities when necessary. Such duties might include coordinating and streamlining veterinary rounds and case scheduling; maintaining hospital facilities and inventory; and monitoring the health & welfare of hospitalized and quarantined animals.
- Ability to adapt to unpredictable and changing case load.
- Contribute to the mission of the California Science Center by stimulating curiosity and inspiring science learning in everyone by creating fun, memorable experiences.
- Perform other duties as needed.