

## **Veterinarian Technician (Full Time)**

### **Position Summary:**

Responsible for providing veterinary technical support for The Florida Aquarium's main animal collection, off-site facilities, and/or animal rehabilitation programs. Works closely with the veterinary team as well as a diverse team of biologists and researchers dedicated to responsible animal care and health practices. Performs essential job functions in accordance with guidelines set and approved by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and other safety regulatory agencies.

### **Essential Position Functions:**

- Performs veterinary diagnostics and provides medical treatments for the collection or rehabilitation animals
- Performs daily treatments and triages medical concerns
- Able to work as part of a team or via telemedicine with the primary veterinarian
- Ensures medical and laboratory areas/equipment are clean and maintained to OSHA and AZA standards
- Assists veterinarian with medical record keeping
- Maintains medical equipment in proper working order
- Ensures surgical suite and exam room cleanliness and is stocked for daily use and treatments.

### **Education Requirements and Technical Skills:**

- Must be a graduate of an AVMA-accredited veterinary technical program and be licensed in at least one state and/or be able to become licensed in Florida within one year of accepting the position
- Prefer one or two years of experience in a veterinary technician position as well as experience with exotic/aquatic animals or sea turtles.
- Thorough understanding of general disease processes, diagnostics, and prevention programs
- Familiar with the use of medical equipment including radiology, endoscopy, and surgery equipment as well as autoclaves and microscopes
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office software (Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook)

### **Competencies**

- Customer Service – Demonstrates courtesy, cooperation and friendliness with staff, volunteers, and customers. Actively listens, anticipates, and evaluates the customer's needs.
- Ensures that customer satisfaction is a priority in all areas of responsibility. Actively engages our customers while fulfilling job responsibilities.
- Interpersonal Skills/Teamwork – Supporting, facilitating, and participating in activities that promote team effectiveness; demonstrating sensitivity for the feelings and needs of team members and supporting team goals.
- Professional and Technical Knowledge – Remains current on developments in the fields within and outside the organization; maintains proficiencies.
- Initiative – Taking actions to achieve goals; self-starting and proactive; asserting oneself to support others in the achievement of their goals; originating action rather than responding only to the action of others; anticipating the needs of both internal and external constituencies.
- Work Standards – Applies high-performance standards to all work-related activities.