

Fort Worth Zoo Veterinary Technician

Summary:

This position is responsible for providing clinical support to the veterinarians, to include assistance with medical diagnostics and clinical procedures, patient care, laboratory analysis, filling prescriptions, administration of treatments, maintenance of clinical facilities, equipment and medical records.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist veterinarians during medical procedures including set up and use of equipment and supplies, assisting with chemical or manual restraint, monitoring patients, administration of treatments, production of radiographs, sample collection, record keeping, and observation of patients during recovery, breakdown and clean up after procedure
- Conduct all in house laboratory analysis for hematology, chemistry, serology, cytology, parasitology, bacteriology, and proper sample handling and processing for reference laboratories, long-term storage and research projects
- As directed by the veterinarian, fill prescriptions, administer treatments, and interface with keepers on administration instructions and compliance
- Perform emergency treatment and triage of animals in the absence of the veterinarian and under their remote direction if available
- Assist in the daily care of ICU and neonatal patients, following protocols for patient care, monitoring, record keeping and sanitation that have been established by the senior technician or veterinarian
- Follow all safety protocols and comply with regulatory requirements concerning.

Qualifications:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. See the job posting at the Fort Worth Zoo's careers website for details.

Education and/or Experience:

- Completion of a zoo technician internship program or
- Two years of clinical experience in a private practice or zoological setting and
- Graduation from an accredited veterinary technology program and ability to obtain (and maintain) licensed veterinary technician status in the state of Texas within 12 months of commencing employment

Certificates, Licenses, and/or Registrations:

- Must obtain veterinary technician licensure in the state of Texas within 12 months of employment.