

## Veterinary Technician Externship

The Indianapolis Zoo's Externship Program offers a unique opportunity for current veterinary technician students to become actively involved in the Zoo's conservation, research, education and recreation efforts.

Veterinary technician externships are open to current college students enrolled in a veterinary technician program. Externs serve 20-40 hours per week for 8-12 consecutive weeks. Positions are experience-based and are therefore unpaid. The Zoo can provide information to assist with your housing and transportation search.

Students will observe and assist veterinary technicians. Duties include assisting in all aspects of animal diagnostics and treatments, in-house lab work, hospital maintenance and record keeping.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Support the Zoo's mission of protecting nature and inspiring people to care for our world.
- Assist veterinarians/technicians with animal immobilizations, exams, treatments and surgeries. Duties include setting up for procedures, patient monitoring, sample collection, administering injections, diagnostic imaging, patient prep, placing I.V. catheters, etc.
- Assist with in-house lab work including CBCs, chemistries, fecal exams for parasites, urinalysis, cytology and other testing, as needed.
- Process packages and ship samples to outside labs for analysis.
- Help maintain hospital in clean and orderly condition. Duties include post-procedure clean up, restocking supplies, cleaning instruments, wrapping packs and operating gas and steam autoclaves.
- Assist in necropsies, including sample processing for outside labs and in-house cryobanking.
- Assist technicians with dispensing medications as prescribed by the veterinarian.
- Assist in the administration of medications or treatment of animals.
- Assist with ZIMS medical data entry and filing records.
- Assist hospital keepers, as needed.

To apply, please submit the Veterinary Technician Extern application form, along with a cover letter, resume, two letters of recommendation and a current (official or unofficial) transcript. Please visit our website at <https://www.indianapoliszoo.com/jobs-volunteer/internships/> for more information.

The Indianapolis Zoo protects nature and inspires people to care for our world. The Zoo is a world-renowned facility and the first to be accredited as a zoo, an aquarium and a botanical garden by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and the American Association of Museums. Home to nearly 1,600 animals and 23,000 plants, including many threatened and endangered species, the Indianapolis Zoo is the largest zoo in the United States that receives no direct tax support.