

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens Gottlieb Animal Health Center has an opening for a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT). The RVT position is a multi-faceted job that integrates advanced zoo animal nursing care, quarantine care, husbandry, communication within and to other departments in the zoo, maintenance of hospital equipment and supplies, capture and restraint of zoo animals, participation in local conservation programs, and other functions. This technician performs all job assignments with a positive attitude that reflects Los Angeles Zoo's mission. The RVT assists the veterinary staff with clinical and surgical procedures and also provides technical support and nursing care for the collection. This position includes hospital keeper duties when needed. This position reports to the Chief Veterinarian.

Job Requirements:

1. Licensed Veterinary Technician in California, or ability to obtain license within 6 months of hire.
2. Minimum of two years of experience as a veterinary technician with at least one year experience with zoo/exotic animals preferred.
3. Good physical condition; able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs and move a maximum of 120 lbs and work on your feet for a majority of the work day. Must be able to carry equipment on paved and non-paved surfaces. Must be willing and able to work outdoors for extended periods of time.
4. Willingness and ability to work outside normal business hours, including nights, weekends and holidays.
5. Assist veterinarians in all aspects of zoo medical procedures, including, anesthesia, radiology, treatment, dentistry, necropsy, preventive medicine, surgery and emergencies.
6. Performs laboratory analysis including hematology, chemistry, parasitology, and other clinical pathological procedures.
7. Must be comfortable with and able to accurately utilize drug remote delivery systems including delivery of drugs for anesthetic induction.
8. Provides patient evaluation and nursing care for animals under observation, treatment, or in quarantine; prepares and administers prescriptions, medications, and treatments; monitors and reports animal behavior and condition; provides appropriate supportive and custodial care.
9. Maintains accurate, timely, medical records documenting observations, diagnoses, prescriptions, treatments, lab work, and other veterinary procedures; performs mathematical calculations in pharmacology, laboratory analysis, anesthesia, and nursing care with precision and accuracy.
10. Provides instruction to and evaluation of volunteers and students; provides work direction to students, volunteers, and other hospital and animal care personnel as assigned.
11. Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
12. Knowledge of the habits and hazards of working with exotic and wild animals; willingness to work with some physical risk while observing proper safety precautions, including working with animals known and/or suspected to carry zoonotic diseases.
13. Must be comfortable working around a wide variety of non-domestic species including but not limited to large cats, great apes, venomous reptiles, exotic hoofstock and birds. Must be able to restrain and catch dangerous animals utilizing ropes, specialized equipment or by hand.
14. Must be comfortable performing euthanasia under the direction of a veterinarian. Must be comfortable and able to dismember and dispose of animal carcasses
15. Maintains veterinary facilities and equipment, including daily cleaning.
16. Willingness to work in the hospital setting, following hospital protocols.
17. Demonstrate knowledge of, and supports, the Los Angeles Zoo's mission, vision, value statements, standards, policies and procedures, operating instructions, confidentiality standards, and the code of behavior.
18. Must be able to work in a team environment.
19. Mature professional attitude and considerable discretion, including ability to manage confidential information.
20. Perform other related duties as required and assigned.

Must have knowledge of:

1. Zoological science and veterinary terminology
2. Procedures performed at a veterinary facility
3. Use, care and maintenance of surgical instruments and other equipment used in a veterinary facility
4. Symptoms, causes, and treatment of ailments, disease and injuries of domestic and exotic animals
5. Use and control of veterinary pharmaceuticals

Experience and Qualities Preferred:

1. Experience with exotic animal species as a veterinary assistant and/or technician, including mammals, birds, and reptiles. Exotic animal handling, husbandry, and medical techniques are all valued types of experience.
2. Experience working with large animals.
3. Excellent team-building and leadership skills.
4. Experience with capture and restraint techniques.
5. Advanced organizational skills, darting experience, advanced communication and computer skills.

HOW TO APPLY:

You must apply directly to the City of Los Angeles at the following:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lacity/jobs/972764/veterinary-technician-2369>