

LINCOLN PARK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

TITLE: Certified Veterinary Technician

POSITION: Full Time

GENERAL SUMMARY

Provide technical assistance to the veterinary department.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Under general supervision, assists veterinarians in the medical care of the animal collection including all species of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrates.
- Under general supervision, assists veterinarians in training activities related to the medical care of the animal collection as above.
- Administers anesthesia under the direction of a veterinarian, monitors said animals under general anesthesia, and assists in surgery.
- Assists in veterinary and animal emergencies.
- Supervises and performs cleaning, disinfection, and sterilization of surgical instruments, equipment, and hospital and operating areas to maintain zoo hospital in a clean and orderly condition.
- Performs other related duties required by veterinarians to maintain and operate the hospital safely and efficiently.
- Operates the diagnostic laboratory, including, but not limited to, hematology, biochemistry analysis, cytology, and parasitology.
- Prepares biological specimens for shipment.
- Organizes and maintains pharmacy including rotating inventory, removing expired products, and ordering pharmaceuticals and supplies, under the direction of veterinarians.
- Operates and maintains radiographic equipment.
- Dispenses and administers medications and vaccinations as prescribed by veterinarians.
- Assist with post-mortem examinations through necropsies, cleaning, waste removal, or sample handling.
- Maintains accurate records, including computer entry for Tracks or similar programs.
- Assists with coordination of the activities of veterinary and veterinary technician students, volunteers, and other individuals as directed by zoo veterinarians.
- Assists in any special maintenance project as required.
- Must demonstrate knowledge of occupational hazards involved and the safe work practices to employ while in proximity of potentially dangerous animals or substances.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, & ABILITIES

- Ability to record and deliver information, to explain procedures, to follow oral and written instructions, and otherwise communicate effectively and efficiently with co-workers and supervisors.
- Knowledge of computer programs of basic word processing, spreadsheets, and internet database access.
- Ability to interact courteously and respectfully with supervisors, fellow employees, volunteers, our visitors, and the general public.
- Comprehensive knowledge of the zoo's mission and philosophy
- Ability to exercise sound judgment in emergency situations and to respond with appropriate action
- Good skill in safe operation of veterinary equipment including but not limited to restraint, remote injection, radiography and other imaging, and surgical, monitoring and anesthetic equipment
- Good interpersonal skills including ability to get along with diverse groups with tact and maturity.
- Ability to represent Lincoln Park Zoological Society in a professional manner at all times
- Ability to interact courteously and respectfully with visitors and general public

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

- Preference will be given to those individuals with a least one year of experience as a veterinary technician, preferably with exotic or zoo animals, and especially with internship experience in the latter.
- Note: A comparable combination of education, experience or training that would provide the level of knowledge, skills and ability required may qualify an individual provided the individual can be certified as a veterinary technician in the State of Illinois.

EDUCATION/LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

- Graduation from an AVMA-accredited school of veterinary technology.
- Certified as a veterinary technician in the State of Illinois or similarly certified in another state and must obtain Illinois license within thirty (30) days from start date.
- Maintain said certification appropriately with continuing education and ethics.
- Valid IL driver's license and able to maintain a good driving record.

To apply and for a more complete job description, please visit <https://careers.hireology.com/lincolnparkzoologicalsociety/617548/description>