



Job Description
Veterinary Technician

Summary:

The Veterinary Technician is a full-time, salary position directly responsible for patient care, sea turtle husbandry, responding to strandings (dead and alive), and hospital maintenance under the direction of the staff veterinarian. The Veterinary Technician will ensure patient care is administered properly and in a timely manner, provide communication with LMC visitors regarding patient care and procedures as necessary, and maintain cooperative relationships with those contacted in the course of work. The Veterinary Technician will act as a supervisor of rehabilitation volunteers along with other rehabilitation staff as appropriate, under the direction of the staff veterinarian.

Qualifications:

- Preferred Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
 - Required Veterinary Technician degree from an accredited institution and national veterinary technician certification, registration, or license
 - 5 years experience working with marine turtles and/or other non-mammalian species
 - Strong communication skills, including the ability to speak to the public
 - This position requires staff to be "on call," and to work weekends
 - This position requires several hours of outdoor work and requires staff to be physically fit and able to lift 50 lbs.
 - Valid driver's license
 - Knowledge or skilled in the use of medical equipment such as digital radiology, endoscopy, ultrasound, anesthesia machine, pulse doppler, cold laser therapy, V.A.C therapy, and fluid administration
 - Lab skills desired: manual CBC on reptiles, use of IDEXX Catalyst blood chemistry machine, iSTAT, centrifuge, and refractometers
 - Desired skills in small and large scale aquarium/rehab tank maintenance and general operation
 - Required skill in communicating with laboratories, pharmacies, and vendors to negotiate deals or discounts on supplies and services
 - Required attention to detail
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Skills Required: The ideal candidate must be proficient in the medical care of sea turtles, as well as the care and handling of medical equipment. Must be able to work independently, but also must be a team player. Must be able to work with a team involved with numerous different projects. Must be able to coordinate with the staff veterinarian regarding research projects within the Rehabilitation Department. Attention to detail is essential. Additionally, the Veterinary Technician must be willing and able to professionally present compelling insights from LMC procured data to both scientific and non-scientific audiences.

Physical Demands: The physical demands described herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to work long hours in the sun and at night in extreme conditions. The employee is required to sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; and talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand and walk. The employee is frequently required to climb or balance and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus.

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