

<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	Veterinary Technician
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Veterinary Care
<b>REPORTS TO:</b>	Zoo Veterinarian and Zoo Director
<b>PAY RATE:</b>	Based on experience
<b>FULL-TIME/PART-TIME:</b>	Full-Time



### **ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION**

The Metro Richmond Zoo's mission is to promote animal conservation and inspire guests by providing up-close, educational encounters with the wild. The zoo is situated on 150 acres of land and is home to over 2,000 animals representing 190 species from around the world. The zoo is accredited by the Zoological Association of America and is well-known for its conservation programs for cheetahs, African penguins, and Diana monkeys. Since 2013, 74 cheetahs have been born at the zoo's Cheetah Conservation Center. The zoo has an on-site animal hospital with a small pharmacy, surgery room, blood chemistry analyzer, and x-ray equipment.

### **POSITION SUMMARY**

Under the guidance of the veterinarian, the vet tech is responsible for providing high quality healthcare to all animals at the Metro Richmond Zoo including all species of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrates. The vet tech collaborates with the animal care team to promote the general well being of all animals.

### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Oversees medical care of all zoo animals under the direction of the veterinarian
2. Performs veterinary diagnostics and prepares treatment plans
3. Provides care for sick and injured animals
4. Collaborates with veterinarian and lead keeper to schedule necessary procedures/surgeries
5. Administers anesthesia, monitors animals under general anesthesia, and assists in surgery
6. Assists in animal emergencies
7. Performs cleaning of surgical instruments, equipment, and animal hospital
8. Prepares biological specimens for lab exams and shipment
9. Assists with preparing animals for transport
10. Organizes and maintains pharmacy and orders drugs and medical supplies
11. Dispenses and administers medications and vaccinations as prescribed by veterinarian
12. Operates and maintains radiographic equipment

### **BENEFITS AND PERKS**

- Medical insurance
- Retirement with company match
- Paid time off
- Food and merchandise discounts
- Free tickets into the park
- Potential for bonuses
- Variable work tasks
- Work with a variety of exotic animals
- Fast paced - never a dull moment

### **HOW TO APPLY**

For a complete job description and to apply, visit <https://metrorichmondzoo.com/career-opportunities/>

The Metro Richmond Zoo is an equal opportunity employer.