

Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens is seeking applications for the position of Zoo Veterinary Technician, reporting directly to the Zoo's Staff Veterinarian. This is an exciting opportunity to join a respected and growing Zoo and work in a new veterinary hospital and animal commissary opened in November 2019.

The Veterinary Technician position at the Naples Zoo will be responsible for coordinating medical procedures with the Zoo's veterinarian, managing the hospital, and working with technician staff to achieve smooth daily operations while providing the highest standard of animal care. This is a leadership role that requires the knowledge and ability to perform all duties of the Veterinary Technician duties listed below.

Essential Duties:

- Perform daily duties including setting and cleaning up procedures, running medical procedures, processing in-house laboratory samples, sending specimens to outside laboratories, filling prescriptions, sterilizing instruments, cleaning facilities, etc.
- Perform and/or schedule maintenance on all veterinary equipment.
- Contact and coordinate with vendors for sample submissions.
- Maintain pharmaceutical and medical supply inventory.
- Manage quarantine facilities and hospitalized animal residents.
- Implement up to date protocols for disinfection/sterilization of equipment, instruments, surgery, facilities in general.
- Write SOPs for quarantine area, lab tests, equipment usage, and all technician-led activities.
- Maintain animal record keeping for both electronic and hard copy files.
 - Enter records into ZIMS software (Anesthesia, Lab results, Necropsy, Clinical notes, etc).
- Manage medical training program for a variety of animals.
- Delegate to staff and perform veterinary prescribed treatments.
- Assist with training veterinary interns/externs and volunteers.
- Report animal illness, maintenance, safety, horticulture, or other needs to appropriate staff.
- Assist in animal procedures including translocations, immobilizations, crating, and veterinary procedures.
- Respond to and assist in guiding the resolution of emergency situations within the zoo.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Additional Skillset:

- Knowledge in animal capture and restraint protocols and equipment.
- Knowledge of husbandry requirements and the prevention of zoonotic diseases.
- Knowledge of operant conditioning and animal training.
- Knowledge and observation of safety protocols and reporting protocols.
- Knowledge of AZA, USDA, and DEA standards.
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively via speaking and writing.
- Possession of strong interpersonal skills.

Qualifications:

- Must be a graduate of an AVMA accredited program.
- At least 3 years experience as a veterinary technician working in a zoological facility or equivalent is preferred.
- Florida certificate of veterinary technician (CVT) obtained within 90 days of hire.

Benefits:

Naples Zoo offers an array of benefits, including but not limited to, medical, dental and vision coverage.

To apply: Send cover letter, CV and references to HR@napleszoo.org