

The Veterinary Technician is responsible for implementing clinical and preventative medicine care as directed by the veterinarian on all collection animals (invertebrates, amphibians, fish, reptiles, birds, and mammals). Including, but not limited to, daily monitoring and treatment of medical cases, inventory control of medical supplies and pharmaceuticals, operation and maintenance of medical equipment, collection of diagnostic sample, collection animal anesthesia, preparation of medical case histories, and clinical laboratory procedures.

Essential Functions:

- Implements clinical and preventative medical programs for collection animals (invertebrates, amphibians, fish, reptiles, birds, and mammals) as directed by a veterinarian.
- Performs medical treatments and updates records as appropriate.
- Provides feedback to veterinarian regarding clinical cases.
- Prepares medicines to be administered, including accurate calculations of appropriate doses and filling of prescriptions.
- Assists veterinarians in surgical procedures including anesthesia administration and monitoring and appropriate surgical equipment set up.
- Capable of performing the clinical radiology demands of an exotic practice, including following technique charts, creating new machine settings if none available, and improvising with positioning techniques.
- Performs phlebotomy on collection animals.
- Performs or assists in necropsies on collection animals, including collection of sterile samples.
- Responds to emergency situations during or after hours.
- Must be able to apply general principles of veterinary technician duties in novel animals and situations, utilizing primary experience, consulting with other professionals, and published references.
- Maintains clinical records
- Responsible for maintaining daily treatment book.
- Implements and can organizes daily schedule of activities, such as treatments, animal procedures, and sample deliveries.
- Gathers information from husbandry staff regarding animal progress, problems, and scheduling.
- Updates computerized medical records as appropriate, including laboratory submissions.
- Maintains supplies/equipment inventories and orders supplies and equipment as directed by Hospital Manager

Qualifications/Position Requirements:

- Must have at least 1-3 years of veterinary technician experience in a comparable practice (if not with exotic species).
- Registered through a state board and national board examination as a veterinary technician, or become registered within 2 years of employment.
- Preferred: BA/BS in biology, completion of an accredited veterinary technical program, direct experience with zoo/aquatic/exotic animals.