



Summary:

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium is seeking a Veterinary Technician to join our team of 4 clinical veterinarians, a veterinary pathologist, 4 veterinary technicians, a senior hospital keeper, and a veterinarian department director. This position has responsibilities encompassing every aspect of zoological medicine and will work both at the main Zoo campus and at the Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park and Wildlife Safari. This position reports to the Director of Animal Health.

Duties and Responsibilities *(include but not limited to):*

- Participate in medical procedures in support of the veterinary staff:
 - Set up and preparation for medical procedures- organizing equipment and supplies to be used.
 - Carry out assigned roles during procedures such as vital sign monitoring, sample collection, administration of treatments, surgical preparation, and others as assigned by the veterinarians.
 - Radiography: proper positioning, technique, and safety.
 - Set up and trouble-shoot anesthesia machines and monitoring equipment.
 - Restraint of smaller animal species.
- Provide laboratory services:
 - In house laboratory work such as fecal examinations, urinalysis, complete blood count, and cytology.
 - Use of in-house Abaxis serum chemistry and hematology machines.
 - Perform special stains on slides and samples, such as Diff-Quik, Gram stain, and Acid fast stain.
 - Package and ship samples to outside laboratories for diagnostic or research purposes.
- Pharmacy and Prescriptions:
 - Prepare and dispense prescriptions to animal areas as prescribed by veterinarians.
 - Assist in inventory control, stocking, ordering and out-dated drug tracking as directed.
 - Administer prescribed treatments to animals on the grounds as directed.
- Properly dispose of biohazardous materials as needed.
- Participate in data entry of medical records for anesthesia, parasitology and diagnostic test results.
- Pathology duties:
 - Assist pathologist with necropsy examinations, records, and gross necropsy reports.
 - Trim tissues for histopath processing and send out tissues for ancillary diagnostics.
 - Keep necropsy facility clean, tidy, and stocked with supplies.
- Work with animal care staff in behavioral training to enable husbandry/medical procedures.
- Support and, as needed, fill in for hospital keeper to provide animal care for the quarantine areas, hospitalized patients and neonates being hand raised. Activities may include:
 - Appropriate housing such as correct type of enclosure, substrate, furniture, temperature, humidity.
 - Cleaning and sanitation.
 - Appropriate diets and water.
- Other tasks as directed by the veterinary staff or by senior zoo staff.
- Actively maintain and update professional knowledge and skills.

Qualifications, Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required:

- Must have earned a degree from an AVMA accredited veterinary technician program and must have successfully passed the VTNE (Veterinary Technician National Examination). Candidates must be able to obtain a veterinary technician license from the Nebraska Veterinary Medical Board within 6 months of the hire date.
- Ability to work a flexible schedule that may include evenings, weekends, and holidays on a rotating basis.
- Applicants with experience in a zoo environment and/or exotic animal practice are preferred.
- Must have good communication skills and the ability to work with a wide variety of different people.
- Must have the willingness and ability to function as a team member in a fast-paced environment with a high caseload.

All candidates are required to pass a pre-employment background check, drug test, negative TB test, physical exam, Covid-19 test, and possess a valid driver's license.

Working Conditions and Physical Efforts:

- Regularly required to stand, walk, stoop, kneel, and crouch.
- Ability to lift and carry heavy animals/equipment.
- Ability to work outside in extreme temperatures and inclement weather conditions.
- The employee will be required to stand for long periods of time.

DISCLAIMER

The information presented indicates the general nature and level of work expected of employees in this classification. It is not designed to contain, nor is it to be interpreted as, a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, qualifications and objectives required of employees assigned to this job.

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