

## **Position Summary**

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This salaried, full-time position with a generous benefit package is for a seasoned licensed **Veterinary Technician** with zoological or exotic animal expertise to join the Veterinary Team at the Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society. We are in the process of building the zoo of the future in beautiful south Florida, and are looking to bring in additional expertise and enthusiasm. The Zoo staff work in a positive, team-oriented environment to support our mission to inspire people to act on behalf of wildlife. Primary emphasis is on daily care and health maintenance of the Palm Beach Zoo's animal collection. Previous zoological experience, neonatal hand-rearing experience, and nonsmoker (including e-cigarettes) strongly desired. Starting date in June is required.

## **Essential Position Functions:**

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- Preparation and administration of medications to collection animals.
- Assist the veterinary staff during on-site and off-site procedures and surgeries, including monitoring vital signs, anesthesia equipment, and general surgical assistance.
- Provide medical evaluation on members of the animal collection where appropriate such as avian flock evaluations or emergency assessments.
- Assist in monitoring the animal collection for both internal and external parasites, including fecal slide preparation, examination, recording, and distribution of monthly preventative treatments.
- Provide care for sick and injured wildlife as a part of the Zoo's wildlife management program (including but not limited to: animal assessment and preparing animals for transport).
- Assist with post mortem examinations and sample processing including external laboratory submissions. Experience shipping formalin-fixed tissues and dry ice shipping certification are preferable.

## **Requirements - Education/Knowledge/Skills/Abilities:**

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- Veterinary technician license in the state of Florida preferred. (or agreement to acquire or transfer licensure to the state of Florida within 1 year of employment).
- Must speak and read English proficiently.
- Must hold a valid driver's license for at least three years with a good driving record.
- Ability to work weekends, holidays, and availability during special events and emergency situations is required.

## **Physical Requirements:**

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- Ability to work outside year-round in extreme heat and other weather conditions typical to South Florida.
- Must have good mobility and ability to walk at a brisk pace for short time periods and short-to-medium distances (on and throughout zoo property).
- Ability to occasionally lift and carry up to 50 lbs. from the floor or table, and to perform repetitive tasks.

**To Apply:** Email your cover letter and resume to [jobs@palmbeachzoo.org](mailto:jobs@palmbeachzoo.org) - include "Vet Tech" in the subject line of the email.