



Title of Position: Exotics Veterinary Technician

Department: Avian and Exotics

Reports to: Clinical Manager

Overall Responsibility:

We are looking for a technician to join our Avian and Exotics department! A great candidate would be outgoing, be an independent worker, possess excellent communication skills, and make use of all available time.

Our technicians have good organizational skills and the ability to perform and work proficiently in a wide variety of daily situations. Our specialty departments work with every department in the hospital. As an exotics technician, you would provide a link between clients, client services, doctors, and technicians to provide the best patient and client care.

Key Areas of Responsibility:

Facilitate the doctor's daily schedule.
Obtain current body weight, heart rate, temperature, and respiratory rate.
Conduct a throughout patient history and determine reason for visit.
Perform and assist with all aspects of patient restraint for exams and procedures.
Triage emergency exotics patients.
Assist with patient discharges.
Thoroughly discuss diet and husbandry recommendations with owners at discharge.
Be familiar with vaccines for different species and identify vaccine reactions.
Set up and break down/clean for surgical or medical procedures.
Facilitate diagnostics
Perform venipuncture on multiple species.
Collect and prepare cytology, fecal direct, and trichogram samples.
Prepare and properly perform a Gram stain and DiffQuik stain. Train in evaluation of avian fecal cytology.
Make appropriate estimates and properly explain estimates to clients.
Call in prescriptions to compounding pharmacies.
Check doctor's voicemail and return calls as appropriate.
Perform follow up calls for recently discharged and/ or sick patients.

Perform basic grooming (ear cleaning, pedicures, scent gland cleaning etc.).
Assist doctor with surgical and medical procedures.
Intubate multiple species.
Place and maintain IV and IO catheters in multiple species.
Calculate and retrieve prescribed drugs.
Administer SQ fluids, SQ/IM/IV/IO injections, topical medications, and oral medications.
Set up fluid CRIs using fluid pumps and syringe pumps.
Be able to properly mix and perform assisted feedings.
Demonstrate medications and feedings to owners.
Perform CPR on multiple species.
Perform anesthesia and monitor patients during induction, maintenance, and recovery from anesthesia.
Assist with patient recovery.
Perform basic medical record keeping (including technician visit notes), patient care documentation, and entering charges in Cornerstone in a timely manner.
· Use and be familiar with veterinary medical terminology.
· Strong work ethic and a positive attitude.
· Must be flexible and able to acclimate to new situations.
· Ability to act as a team player
· Help provide training to other staff members within and outside of the Exotics Department.

Educational Requirements: Should be exam-eligible, or a non-credentialed technician with 2 or more years of experience. Successful candidates will be professional and effective communicators with strong technical skills.

Physical Requirements (if any): This job is physically active and requires frequent bending. It also requires routine lifting and restraining of animals as small as <10 grams and in excess of 100 pounds. Please be aware that this is an area of the hospital that stores/feeds nuts.