

Job Description

Senior Veterinary Medical Technologist

The Senior Veterinary Medical Technologist, Full-time position is responsible for the preparation and assistance with routine and emergency animal procedures, including immobilization, examinations, and collection of diagnostic samples. This position manages animal healthcare records and coordinates the scheduling of daily procedures, cleanliness and proper stocking of hospital as well as the maintenance of various equipment. The Senior Veterinary Medical Technologist assists and performs pathological prosection on necropsy specimens. The Senior Veterinary Medical Technologist participates in guest experience via educational, media and conservation programs. This position helps add to the efficiency of the overall Animal Health department to continually improve the care and management of the animal collection at Shedd Aquarium.

Essential Duties:

- Demonstrate commitment to Shedd's vision, mission and values.
- Routinely assist with all aspects of preventative and emergency exams, anesthesia monitoring, radiology, ultrasonography, endoscopy, surgery, and dental work.
- Proficiency in performing a full range of veterinary technician skills including, but not limited to, phlebotomy, gavage feeding, catheter placement, fluid therapy, restraint and other supportive care treatments.
- Proficiency in operating typical veterinary equipment such as x-ray, autoclave, diagnostic machinery, microscopes, blood chemistry machinery, gas anesthesia machinery and laser therapy equipment.
- Routinely perform pharmacy related skills including medical calculations involving, but not limited to, dilutions and dosages.
- Precise interpretation, dispensing, and administering medications as prescribed by a veterinarian.
- Maintain medical packs, perform routine equipment maintenance tasks, and assist in the upkeep of the hospital supplies inventories to ensure proper function of the hospital.
- Respirator trained to measure laboratory chemicals.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office 2016 or equivalent, including spreadsheet and database management.
- Maintain medical records in Tracks database in a correct, timely, and orderly fashion.
- Proficiency with necropsies including collecting and preparing tissues for histopathologic evaluation.
- Obtain various samples from Aquarium animals and prepare them for diagnostic laboratory testing such as skin scrapes/gill clips, fecal analysis, hematology, cytology, parasitology, urinalysis, and microbiology.
- Collaborate with team members in organizing, prioritizing, and delegating various hospital tasks.
- Communicate courteously and effectively with all husbandry staff regarding animal medical related information and treatments.
- Serve as aquarium wide support via educational, media and conservation programs as requested.
- Support Aquarium wide rescue and rehab program and field research as requested.

QUALIFICATIONS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Education: Associate Degree in Applied Science in Veterinary Technology and graduation from an accredited AVMA Veterinary Technology Program or equivalent combination of experience or training required. Certified, Licensed or Registered Veterinary Technician required. Licensure in the state of Illinois within the first year of hire. A bachelor's degree in biology, chemistry or related field a plus.

Experience: Minimum of 3 years of veterinary technical experience within a clinical setting required. Demonstrated team skills required. Experience in zoo/exotic/aquatic animals preferred. Emergency clinic experience a plus.

Other Requirements: Ability to work a flexible schedule that includes evenings, weekends and holidays. This position will also require a rotating on-call schedule.