



Topeka Zoo and Conservation Center

The Topeka Zoo Veterinary Staff is seeking a motivated, qualified, and enthusiastic Veterinary Technician to join our Internship team gaining experience with a variety of species.

Veterinary Technician Internship

The zoo is offering an unpaid, internship that encompasses all areas of the zoo including Great Apes, Elephants, large Carnivores, small Primates, Invertebrates, a variety of Avian species, education program animals and more. Our veterinary department consists of 1 full time veterinarian, and 1 full time licensed veterinary technician. We are looking to take a second year tech or a registered tech looking for more zoo and wildlife experience. Length of time for internship will be determined upon interview.

Requirements and Expectations:

- Must be able to stoop, climb, crawl, lift at least 50lbs, and work in all weather conditions.
- Must pass City of Topeka background check and provide proof of negative TB test within the past year.
- Must be 18 years or older and drug free.
- Applicants should have at least 2 years of experience in a veterinary practice and a working knowledge of veterinary principles; anatomy, pharmacology, parasitology, hematology, radiology, anesthesiology, urinalysis, and surgical techniques.
- Will assist in surgical preventative procedures- Including set up and take down, immobilizations, exams, anesthetic monitoring and surgical assistance.
- Hospital maintenance.
- Records- medical records, filing, data entry and organizing.
- Must be proficient in drawing blood and IV catheter placement.
- Ability to multi task, work in a fast paced environment, engage appropriately with public, and work independently and as part of a team is expected.
- Must maintain a positive, proactive and professional work ethic, and be able to handle stressful situations while remaining calm.
- Must have a valid driver's license.

Compensation/Housing:

- This is an unpaid internship but staff will assist in locating affordable housing options.

How to Apply:

- Submit resume and cover letter to Rita Schinkel @ rschinkel@topeka.org