

Tracy Aviary and Botanical Garden is looking for a full-time Veterinary Technician. Qualifications must include a Bachelor's degree in a related field from an approved university, or an Associate's degree from a veterinary technician program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Additionally, applicants must have at least one year of paid experience in the medical care and treatment of birds.

This position is responsible for supervising onsite veterinary operations, under the general direction of a Contract Veterinarian. This position reports directly to the Lead Aviculturist, and acts as a liaison between the veterinarian and bird care staff. Recognizing when working with animals, normal work days can change quickly, this position may need to be flexible in regards to responding to emergencies outside of a normal work schedule. Core duties include managing the Avian Health Center, caring for patients, overseeing the preventative health program, data and patient records entry, and communicating effectively between staff and the contract medical team. Duties also include caring for birds in quarantine, assisting the curator with administrative tasks, teaching medical related classes to staff/interns, and supporting veterinarians with medical procedures and surgeries. This position will serve as an experienced mentor to staff in training medical procedures and developing skills in avian health and treatment as all bird care staff are trained in some aspects of veterinary technician work. Applicants must be organized, good communicators, and skilled in multitasking.

Specific skills needed:

- Implement, dispense, and administer medications as directed by veterinarians. (applicants must be able to calculate dosages and have a broad understanding of medications typically used for birds)
- Restrain birds (applicants must be able to restrain various species of birds)
- Husbandry of birds while undergoing treatments (applicants must have a general understanding of caring for birds, as patients will be under their care during treatments)
- Coordinate and organize veterinary rounds and communications (applicants must be efficient with time and organized, as this position has many moving parts)
- Schedule procedures and follow-ups per guidance of veterinarian, lead, and curator (applicants must like calendars)
- Maintain preventative health protocols, providing guidance and follow-up to the bird care team where needed
- Assist with surgeries and radiographs at off-site clinic
- Evaluate sickness and injury with Lead Aviculturist and Senior Bird Trainer, in order to allow Curator and Veterinarian to make informed medical decisions (applicants must like to talk with people, because we talk a lot)
- Triage and care of emergent cases
- Enter data and patient information into data entry system, staying compliant with AZA standards
- Perform blood draws, monitor anesthesia, and participate in veterinarian led procedures directed by the veterinarian

If interested please email cover letter, resume, references to Kate Lyngle-Cowand at katel@tracyaviary.org