

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY – Position Description

POSITION TITLE:	Veterinary Technician
REPORTS TO:	Veterinary Technician Supervisor or Senior Veterinary Technician as assigned by Veterinary Technician Supervisor
DIRECTLY SUPERVISES:	Veterinary Technician Students and Volunteers To assist veterinarians in providing healthcare to animals in the WCS/Bronx Zoo collection and to assist in training professionals, students and volunteers, as part of the health-care team.
EDUCATION:	Veterinary Technician Degree; Associates or Bachelors of Science Degree; New York State Veterinary Technician License required.
EXPERIENCE:	3 years working full time as a veterinary technician, preferably in a zoo or an exotic animal setting.
SKILLS/CHARACTERISTICS:	Ability to work in a complex healthcare environment with animals of diverse taxa and with multiple veterinarians and veterinary technicians; ability to provide daily oversight of technician students and volunteers; ability to read, write and communicate effectively in English; some knowledge of computer databases desirable; able to work flexible schedule.

PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Perform clinical pathology testing including, CBC, urinalysis, fecal exams, cytologies, point of care biochemical tests, STAT biochemical tests, water coliform testing, and others as required in a zoo laboratory setting.
2. Prepare for, assist during, and clean up after surgical and anesthetic procedures in the hospital and on zoo grounds. This includes providing anesthetic induction, intubation and monitoring of animals as part of the routine medical management of animals.
3. Working knowledge of and ability to operate a digital based radiology system, including portable and stationary units. Ability to position animals for radiographs; ability to accurately label and archive images.
4. Perform treatments of, provide husbandry care for and monitor hospitalized animals. This includes, preparation of daily medications, record keeping, setting up, maintaining and troubleshooting intravenous lines; it also includes on rare occasions feeding and cleaning enclosures of hospitalized animals when necessary.
5. Assist with oversight of maintenance of inventory of hospital medicines and supplies, restocking in all clinical areas. Assist with record keeping of preventive medicine program and controlled substances.
6. Responsible for overseeing organization of freezer banks and biomaterial request.
7. Responsible for overseeing SDS sheets and shipping training.
8. Oversee maintenance of hospital equipment.
9. Assist in c-coordinating and providing training for the hospital volunteers
10. Assist in training new employees as required.
11. Perform related tasks and duties as required.
12. Contribute to, enlarge and uphold the Society's policies toward Equal Employment Opportunities for women, minorities, veterans, the handicapped and other designated groups.