

POSITION TITLE: Veterinary Technician, Queens Zoo

REPORTS TO: Animal Curator, Queens Zoo & Clinical Veterinarian assigned to City Zoos.

PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Perform & monitor medical treatments & husbandry care for hospitalized animals.
2. Coordinate regular veterinary visits including scheduling, preparing the list of cases and any background information needed by veterinarian, support during rounds, recordkeeping, and any required follow-up.
3. Prepare for, assist during, and clean up after surgical and anesthetic procedures in the clinic and on zoo grounds. This includes providing anesthetic monitoring, venipuncture, placement of IV catheters, fluid therapy and radiography as directed by veterinarians as part of the routine medical management of animals.
4. Perform clinical testing including, CBC, urinalysis, fecal exams and others as required in a zoo laboratory setting.
5. Maintain and update written and computerized medical records in ZIMS.
6. Working knowledge of and ability to operate both digital and film based radiography systems, including portable and stationary units. Ability to position animals for radiographs; ability to accurately label and archive images.
7. Scheduling and administering preventative medical treatments such as routine vaccinations and deworming including training animal care staff.
8. Compound, calculate and dispense medications and treatments to zookeepers.
9. Maintain zoo clinic, laboratory, and pharmacy to ensure appropriate veterinary care can be provided at any time. Maintain appropriate stock of supplies, medications, instruments. Ensure that the zoo pharmacy and all drugs are properly stored and managed as directed by veterinarian and in accordance with all regulations.
10. Facilitate communications between zoo management and staff veterinarians.
11. Undertake or assist in the disposition of nuisance wildlife potentially injurious to the zoo collection, including euthanasia under the direction of a veterinarian.
12. Communicate and coordinate with personnel at other institutions regarding pre-shipment medical testing and requirements.
13. Serve on emergency immobilization team and maintain readiness for animal emergencies including periodic dart preparation and training sessions for supervisory personnel.
14. Supervise veterinary and veterinary technician students.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Full time veterinary technician experience in a small and/or large animal practice with preference given to those with previous experience working in a zoological setting.
2. Must be able to read, write and communicate effectively in English.
3. Must be computer literate and have the ability to learn medical record programs such as ZIMS efficiently.
4. Must obtain and maintain New York State Veterinary Technician license throughout employment.