

## Zoo Veterinary Technician

Zoo Miami is currently has a full time Zoo Veterinary Technician position available to provide medical, surgical, and preventive veterinary care and laboratory services for the animal collection at Zoo Miami by ensuring the highest standards of hospital clinical support and operations. We are searching for a team-oriented candidate that will be engaging and deliver exceptional customer service by creating friendly and positive interactions with all guests and co-workers. This position reports directly to the Animal Health Manager

### Responsibilities and duties include, but are not limited to:

- Prepare for and execute clinical procedures, including setting up necessary supplies and equipment, collection of diagnostic samples, patient anesthetic monitoring, administration of treatments, and break down and clean up following the procedure.
- Administer treatments and medications to hospitalized and outpatient animals under veterinary care.
- Perform laboratory diagnostic evaluation as well as prepare and ship biomedical samples to off-site laboratories or research investigators. These duties include processing samples for hematology, biochemistry, fecal examination, microbiology, cytology, and sample storage for banking and research purposes.
- Organize hospital and laboratory workflow to maximize operational efficiency, including investigating new medical equipment and laboratory protocols.
- Fill and dispense prescription medications and organize and maintain pharmacy supplies and inventory.
- Assist zoo veterinarians with triage of medical cases presented for evaluation.
- Work with zoo keeper staff throughout the zoo on behavioral training of animals for medical procedures.
- Assist in performing euthanasia and necropsy examination of animals under the direction of the zoo veterinarians.
- Perform data entry and maintaining complete and current applicable medical records using ZIMS record-keeping system.
- Work with hospital keeper staff to meet animal husbandry needs for hospitalized patients.
- Instruct and coordinate a variety of veterinary students, interns, and volunteers working in the zoo hospital.
- Ensure proper biosecurity and sanitation protocols, and maintain clean and organized hospital facilities.
- Ensure hospital standard operating procedures comply with animal care standards set forth by USDA, AZA, and Zoo Miami.

### Minimum Qualifications:

Completion of 60 undergraduate semester credit hours, including 15 semester credit hours in a discipline related to veterinary medicine. Minimum of one year of experience as a veterinary technician or veterinary assistant in a veterinary hospital setting or related experience. Additional work experience may substitute for the required education on a year-to-year basis. Must obtain veterinary technician certification during the probationary period. Must be able to lift 50 pounds.

### Preferred Qualifications:

Associate degree in veterinary technology from a program approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association or a Bachelor of Science degree in veterinary technology. At least one year of experience working with nondomestic species in a zoological park or client-based veterinary hospital setting. Possession of working knowledge of veterinary clinical procedures, patient assessment and monitoring, equipment and instrument operation and maintenance, safe animal handling, and anatomy and physiology of a variety of animal species.

This is a full time position with a starting salary of \$35,891.18 with excellent benefits with Miami-Dade County.

**To apply for this position:** Qualified applicants must apply via the Miami-Dade County Human Resource website, <https://www.miamidade.gov/humanresources/jobs.asp> and apply online using **Job Opening #56061**.

A cover letter and resume should also be forwarded to: **Zoo Miami, Human Resources, ZooHR@miamidade.gov**

Applications will be accepted until close of business on **Monday, October 7, 2019**.