

Buttonwood Park Zoo Veterinary Technician Externship

Description: This internship provides the opportunity to gain hands-on training in zoological medicine by working alongside the Vet staff in the Health Department at an AZA-accredited zoo. Internships last 6-12 weeks with a minimum of 240 hrs. No stipend, transportation, or housing is available.

The Zoo: A part of the community since 1894, Buttonwood Park Zoo sits on 7 acres on the South Coast of Massachusetts. It hosts over 200 animals from around the world, with a focus on native species, small primates, and endangered waterfowl.

Responsibilities:

- Assists the vet and vet tech with procedures such as immobilizations, exams and treatments
- Monitors and records anesthesia
- Sets up for and cleans up procedures
- Sets up and performs fecal exams, urinalysis and bloodwork
- Provides husbandry and medication administration to hospitalized animals
- Dispenses medications
- Assists with medical recordkeeping
- Assists with hospital maintenance, sanitation, and restocking
- Adheres to all safety and quarantine protocols
- Completes a lecture or paper on a zoonotic disease, case study, or disease process
- Attends at least one on-site seminar if the option arises

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in the final year of a Veterinary Technician program or recent grad
- Experience with exotic species is preferred but not required
- Be physically fit – must be able to lift 50lbs and be on feet for long periods.
- Negative TB test within the past 6 months
- Current on MMR and tetanus vaccines

Contact: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Please send cover letter, resume, application form and 2 letters of recommendation to Heather Potter at (508) 991-4556 ext.117 or hpotter@bpzoo.org. A phone interview may be requested. More information can be found at <https://www.bpzoo.org/get-involved/animalcarevolunteerintern/>