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VETERINARY TECHNICIAN INTERNSHIP (un-paid)

DESCRIPTION:

Sedgwick County Zoo is a large zoo, located in Wichita, Kansas. The zoo is home to 3,000 individual animals of nearly 400 species, with over 200 employees on staff. The veterinary team consists of three doctors, three RVT's, and 2 quarantine/hospital keepers. The Oliver Animal Hospital is up to date with the latest technology in diagnostic and therapeutic equipment, such as a digital radiology unit, multiple ultrasound units, endoscopy, and thermal imaging. Due to the nature and variation of zoo medicine, the amount of hands on experiences will be more limited than small animal internships. Students will work under the supervision of an RVT to perform daily tasks throughout the hospital and zoo.

Daily tasks consist of, but are not limited to:

- Assisting veterinary staff with routine, pre-transfer, and quarantine exams, as well as emergency exams
- Assisting veterinary staff/keeper staff with patient treatments (in hospital and throughout the zoo)
- Preparing lab-work to be submitted to outside laboratories, as well as running in-house labwork (fecals, urinalysis, CBC/chemistries, cytology)
- Assisting veterinary staff with necropsies
- Filling prescriptions for animals throughout the zoo
- Entering medical information into Zims database and other platforms (i.e. excel)
- Assisting with maintaining hospital cleanliness.

**Daily responsibilities will be dependent on the applicant's current skills and experience*

REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS:

- Students should be currently enrolled in an accredited veterinary technology program. Students must be in good standing with their school.
- Recent graduates looking to gain zoo medicine experience will also be considered.
- A long term interest in zoo medicine
- Previous small animal clinical experience
- A negative TB test within 1 year of internship
- Current covid-19 vaccinations according to CDC recommendations

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Applications can be submitted year round. The veterinary department limits the amount of veterinary technician/veterinary interns at any single time, to allow for maximum hands on experiences. Therefore, expressing interest in this position as early as your dates are known is critical. Interns will be chosen based on academic and clinical skill background, as well as scheduling availability. Applicants will be contacted after resume is received to schedule a phone interview.

This position is an UNPAID internship. There is no on-site housing, but contact information for housing leads can be given to applicant upon request.

TO APPLY:

- Submit resume and cover letter/letter of interest via e-mail to Stefanie Younkin (contact information below)
- Provide contact information for 2 professional references

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