



Veterinary Technician

Reports To

The Veterinary Technician will report to the Clinic Supervisor.

Job Overview

The Veterinary Technician will work in the hospital with sick, injured, or impaired wildlife. Supporting the Clinic Supervisor and Medical Director, the position will provide emergency response support, manage distribution of medical care and treatment, and provide technical support during veterinary procedures.

Energetic professional who does not mind wearing multiple hats. Experienced in handling a wide range of responsibilities. Well organized, flexible and enjoys the challenges of supporting a wildlife center comprised of diverse people.

Responsibilities and Duties

Veterinary technical support

- Work with the triage team to admit and care for sick and injured animals, including euthanasia; under the supervision of a veterinarian and clinic supervisor, dispense and apply treatments and medications as indicated.
- Perform laboratory and other diagnostic tests, inclusive of equipment maintenance
- Keep medical records appropriately including logs for surgery, medical notes, case dispositions, euthanasia, controlled substances, and other logs pertaining to veterinary or general care of animal patients, consistent with SFWC's policies and all State and Federal regulations. Update treatment sheet.

Animal care, husbandry, and rehabilitation

- Ensure the performance of safe/humane handling of animals during treatments and other handling routines to include assistants (paid or unpaid staff).
- Support the rehabilitation process inclusive of cleaning, feeding, treatments, and daily husbandry as needed.

Lead and train volunteers as well as student externs and interns

- Assist with development of operation's training materials as relates to center medical operations, veterinary technical practices, and the volunteer program
- Help train, coach, motivate, and support other Center staff, volunteers, interns, and externs in medical techniques used in the delivery of prescribed medication.

Administration

- Coordinate with Clinic Supervisor in managing inventories and purchasing veterinary supplies, medical diets, foods, and formulas.
- Assist with equipment upkeep and maintenance records; update medical and rehabilitation SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures).

Cleaning and organization

- Ensure maintenance of cleanliness and orderliness of all medical areas
- Ensure veterinary supplies, equipment, etc. are kept in repaired, functional, organized, and orderly manner and easy to find, access and use.

Qualifications

- Keenly observant - able to identify changes in animal behavior or medical status.
- Excellent verbal and written communications, detailed recordkeeping
- Well organized and detail oriented
- Ability to follow written directions and record observations required
- Reliable attendance is essential to providing optimum care to our patients.
- Effectiveness in teaching and coaching required
- Knowledge and comfort with animal euthanasia required
- Must have or obtain and maintain an up-to-date rabies prophylaxis and titer.
- Must be COVID-vaccinated unless medically exempt
- Must be able to lift/move 30pounds, bend frequently, and stand for extended periods
- Must be able to work outdoors in variable and sometimes extreme weather conditions.

Education/Specific requirements

- High school diploma or equivalent required
- Minimum 2 years' experience in animal handling and care (exotic or wildlife preferred).
- Licensed or Certified veterinary technician degree or equivalent highly desirable
- Knowledge of species indigenous to South Florida area highly desired.

Work Hours

The Center operates 365 days (about 12 months) per year, as such staff will be scheduled to work weekends on a regular or recurring basis. Scheduled hours are typically 8:30 to 5:30, with one-hour non-paid lunch, with overtime pre-approved, as necessary. Since all staff are considered ambassadors of the Center, there may be requirements to participate in direct customer interactions, after hours functions, or offsite activities and events.

Benefits

This position is full-time [40 hours per week and eligible for over-time], bi-weekly accrual for up to 3-weeks of paid time off per fiscal year, holiday pay, and health insurance coverage including medical, dental, and vision.

To Apply: Please email a resume and cover letter to clinic supervisor Christel Fiddyment at cfiddyment@southfloridawildlifecenter.org