



# Ellen Trout Zoo

## Veterinary Technician

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**1 Position available**

**PAY**

\$41,000 per year

**REPORTS TO**

Veterinarian

**FLSA STATUS**

Exempt

**EMPLOYMENT TYPE**

Full-Time

**DESCRIPTION**

Provides essential support to the Zoo Veterinarian in delivering medical care to the zoo's diverse animal collection. With specialized training in veterinary technology and a passion for animal welfare, the Zoo Veterinary Technician assists in medical procedures,

administers treatments, and ensures the well-being of zoo animals. Through their dedication and expertise, they play a crucial role in maintaining the health, safety, and welfare of the zoo's animal inhabitants, while also contributing to the zoo's mission of wildlife conservation and public education.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Associate degree in Veterinary Technology or related field from an accredited institution is required. Bachelor's degree is preferred.
- Certification as a Veterinary Technician (CVT) or Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) is required.
- Minimum of 2-3 years of experience working as a veterinary technician, experience in exotic or wildlife species preferred.
- Must possess a valid Driver's License at time of placement.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

- Proficiency in veterinary medical techniques, including anesthesia monitoring, venipuncture, and medical treatment administration.
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail, with the ability to maintain accurate

- records and follow protocols.
- Proficient diagnostic, medical, and surgical abilities, with experience in anesthesia, radiology, pathology, and laboratory diagnostics for zoo animals.
  - Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to work effectively as part of a multidisciplinary team.
  - Ability to remain calm and focused in high-stress situations and adapt to changing priorities.
  - Ability to lift and carry heavy objects (minimum of 25-75 pounds), work outdoors in various weather conditions, and stand for extended periods.
  - Must be available to work weekends, holidays, and on-call rotations as needed for emergency response.

## **MAJOR DUTIES**

- Assist the Zoo Veterinarian during medical procedures, surgeries, and examinations, including preparing equipment, monitoring anesthesia, and providing technical support.
- Administer medications, fluids, and treatments to zoo animals as directed by the Zoo Veterinarian and monitor their response to treatment.
- Assist with diagnostic procedures, including

radiography, ultrasonography, blood collection, and laboratory testing, and prepare samples for analysis.

- Maintain accurate medical records for all zoo animals, including documenting treatment, procedures, and observations in the zoo's electronic medical records system.
- Provide support to zookeepers and animal care staff in the daily care and husbandry of zoo animals, including feeding, cleaning, and enrichment activities.
- Assist with emergency medical situations involving zoo animals, providing immediate care and assistance as directed by the Zoo Veterinarian.
- Ensure that veterinary equipment and supplies are properly maintained, cleaned, and sterilized, and maintain an inventory of medical supplies.
- Educate zoo visitors about the role of veterinary technicians in animal care and conservation, and answer questions about zoo animals and their health.
- Other duties as assigned.

**This position is an essential service position and will require providing services during emergency**

## **situations.**

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