



Veterinary Technician Job Description

The specification of exact duties are outlined on shift check-lists, but it is also very important to ask questions as they arise and to absorb all additional information so that you can better serve our clients and make our care for their pets the very best that it can be.

Veterinary Technician

Major Duties and Responsibilities

- Assist the veterinarian during examination of animals, providing restraint as needed in order to work safely and effectively.
- Prepare and administer medications, vaccines, serums, and treatments, as prescribed by the veterinarian.
- Perform routine dental cleanings on animals under the direction of the veterinarian.
- Administer anesthesia to animals, under the direction of the veterinarian, and monitor animals' responses to anesthetics so that dosages can be adjusted.
- Obtain radiographs of animals with knowledge of proper positioning and techniques.
- Care for and monitor the condition of animals recovering from surgery.
- Perform laboratory tests on blood, urine, and feces, such as urinalyses and blood counts, to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of animal health problems.
- Administer emergency first aid, such as performing emergency resuscitation or other life saving procedures.
- Collect, prepare, and label samples for laboratory testing, culture, or microscopic examination.
- Clean and sterilize instruments, equipment, and materials.
- Provide the veterinarian with the correct equipment and instruments, as needed.
- Fill prescriptions, measuring medications and labeling containers.
- Prepare animals for surgery, performing such tasks as shaving surgical areas and placing IV catheters.
- Maintain clean examination rooms and treatment areas.

Skills and Abilities

- Effectively communicate in the English language both in writing and orally.
- Accurately add, subtract, multiply, and divide, and compute rate, ratio, and percent.
- Carry out instructions furnished in written, oral, or diagram form.
- Solve problems involving several variables.
- Regularly stand for extended periods, and be able to reach and feel with hands and arms.
- Frequently walk, stoop, kneel, or crouch, and lift or move up to 50 pounds.
- Maintain confidence around pets.
- Be familiar with Microsoft Office Programs such as Word and Excel, and become proficient in a short time period with our veterinary management software.

Experience, Education, and/or Training

- High school education required
- License as veterinary technician, associate's degree in related field, and/or 1-2 years experience in a veterinary clinic is a plus