



Job Description

Job Title: Veterinarian Technician
Reports To: Chief Veterinary Officer
FLSA Status: Non-exempt, full time

SUMMARY:

The Veterinarian Technician (VT) is responsible for providing veterinary technical support for the Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens' animal collection, onsite and offsite. This position reports directly to the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO). The VT will work in collaboration with the Animal Operations Team to provide exemplary husbandry and medical care to the animals at the Zoo and the OCIC. Additional guidance is received through established policies and procedures.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The employee in this position must be able to perform all the essential job duties listed below; however, this list is not intended to be all inclusive of the specific tasks that an employee in this position may be expected to perform.

- Performs veterinary diagnostics and prepare treatment plans.
- Collaborate with the CVO and the animal operations team to schedule routine maintenance for the animal collection.
- Collaborate with the CVO and the animal operations team to schedule any necessary procedures/surgeries for the health of the animals.
- Maintains drug inventory and supply and prepare prescriptions as needed.
- Maintains medical and laboratory areas and ensure equipment is clean and maintained to OSHA and AZA standards.
- Manage animal records and ensures the maintenance and quality of animal records for use in the management and development of husbandry and breeding programs, preparation of scientific publications and provision of data for cooperative ventures at both the regional and international levels.
- Serve as principal advisor to the Director of Animal Operations on registration and collections and on legal and logistical aspects of collections activities.
- Participate with administrative, curatorial and other support staff in implementing and reviewing various collection management objectives, setting and developing policy and procedures.
- Set procedures for domestic and international shipments of live animals. Establishes and implements documentation standards for shipment records in collaboration with the Director of Animal Operations.
- Develop and directs the collection of maintenance of inventory of the animal collections, and records daily transactions including shipments, births, deaths, behavioral, reproductive and medical notes. Provide administrative, curatorial and other appropriate staff with activity reports.
- Enter and maintain all procedure records accurately in file.
- Assist in quarantine care; hand-raising and training animals when necessary and appropriate.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

- Must be a graduate from an accredited Veterinary Technical program (certification/registration preferable)
- Must be licensed or be able to become licensed in Florida within one year of accepting position.
- Prefer one- or two-years' experience in a veterinary technical position.
- A minimum of 1 year experience working with exotic animals