Veterinary Technician

Title: Veterinary Technician
Salary: $23–25/hour depending on experience
Job Type: Full-time
Reports to: Staff Veterinarian
Location: SBWCN Wildlife Care Facility – Goleta, CA
Experience: 2+ years as veterinary technician; wildlife experience preferred
Education: Registered/certified/licensed veterinary technician

Summary:
Under the direction of the Staff Veterinarian, this position performs daily wildlife care and medical triage, including drawing up medications, performing radiographs, performing fecal examinations and basic blood work, monitoring anesthesia during surgeries and other sedated procedures, keeping medical records updated, and supervising volunteers in a variety of tasks at the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network.

Essential Duties:
- Assists in the triage and treatment of injured and orphaned wildlife patients which includes, but is not limited to: properly washing oiled birds and mammals; stabilizing fractures; administering fluid therapy; venipuncture when indicated; administering medications, special diets; etc.
- Performs and assists staff veterinarian with training of others in the areas of anesthetic monitoring and surgical instrument cleaning, preparation, and sterilization.
- Supervises taking radiographs on wildlife patients when the staff veterinarian is not present. Demonstrates proficiency in the use of radiological equipment and procedures.
- Applies proper animal positioning and technique which results in the production of diagnostic radiographic images.
- Helps to ensure the proper and humane husbandry and handling of all wildlife patients in enclosures that are as nearly natural habitats as possible in terms of size, set up, shelter, temperatures, diet and other requirements.
- Ensures all required equipment is available and functional prior to any procedure or transport.
- Monitors, evaluates, and reports individual animal responses to medical treatment to staff veterinarian.
- Assists with documentation of all animal observations, rechecks notes, and dispositions in SBWCN's medical database. Maintains individual animal record keeping in all required formats (treatment logs, reports, internal communications, and database).
● Assists in carcass submission/testing, including preparing samples or carcasses for shipment to outside laboratories.
● Accurately assists with animal prescriptions, including inputting, labeling where indicated, drawing up, and distributing as needed.
● Accurately documents controlled drug use and store logs appropriately.
● Regular inventory of medical supplies and ordering as indicated.
● Performs/schedules routine maintenance on hospital equipment as required and performs housekeeping tasks to ensure appropriate cleanliness/sterility within the hospital environment. This includes, but is not limited to, cleaning and sterilization of equipment, supervising upkeep of the surgery/radiology spaces, surgical laundry, and removal of trash.
● Works with all volunteers to ensure that animal care is being carried out in the safest manner for humans and the animals in care. Helps train, supervise and work as a team member with all volunteers.
● Communicates any concerns, questions, and ideas to the staff veterinarian.

Job Requirements:
● **Mandatory: Registered/certified/licensed veterinary technician**
  ● A two to four degree in Veterinary Technology from an accredited institution.
  ● Minimum of two years of experience as a licensed veterinary technician; additional experience with wild animals is preferred.
  ● Knowledge of the habits and hazards of working with non-domestic animals; willingness to work with some physical risk while observing proper safety precautions.
  ● Willingness to follow wildlife hospital protocols.
  ● Must have the ability to work in a high-volume, high-stress emergency like atmosphere.
  ● Advanced skills and physical ability to perform typical RVT and animal husbandry tasks in a wildlife rehabilitation setting.
  ● Willingness and ability to work collaboratively and cooperatively with others to solve problems constructively and resolve conflicts; good interpersonal communication skills.
  ● Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
  ● Ability to work a flexible schedule, including early mornings, evenings, weekends and holidays.
  ● Ability to multi-task and work well under fast-paced and sometimes stressful conditions; willingness and ability to adjust tasks in accordance with changing priorities and deadlines.
  ● Must be able to undergo on-site training to work with the various species generally encountered at the Wildlife Center. Prior experience monitoring anesthesia, taking radiographs, performing fecal examinations, venipuncture, and handling and care experience with wildlife species is preferred.
  ● Must be responsible, professional and able to work effectively with minimal supervision once training has progressed.
  ● Proven supervisory skills, including the ability to motivate and train volunteers and develop a positive team environment. Ability to effectively delegate when necessary.
• Must be able to stand for long periods of time and lift a minimum of 40 lbs.
• Valid driver’s license and clean driving record.

Work authorization:
United States (Required)

Benefits:
Health insurance ($350 monthly contribution towards a group health plan), paid time off

Schedule:
Friday-Tuesday

To apply:
Please send 1) cover letter, 2) resume, and 3) three references to: Ariana Katovich (Executive Director) at ariana@sbwcn.org and James Kyriaco (Director of HR) at james@sbwcn.org.