



## JOB DESCRIPTION

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**TITLE:** Zoo Veterinary Technician (Temporary)

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**GENERAL PURPOSE:** This is a temporary position under the direction of the Zoo Veterinarian and General Curator. Performs a variety of technical work involving the medical care and health of animals at the Roosevelt Park Zoo under the direction of the Zoo Veterinarian.

### **PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

*The following duties **ARE NOT** intended to serve as a comprehensive list of all duties performed by all employees in this classification, only a representative summary of the primary duties and responsibilities. Incumbent(s) may not be required to perform all duties listed and may be required to perform additional, position-specific duties.*

- Monitors and assists in ensuring the proper care, health, and safety of the Zoo's animals.
- Works under direction of Veterinarian to perform preventative healthcare measure such as fecal tests, vaccinations, and other duties as assigned by Zoo Veterinarian.
- Participates in care of healthy, sick, and/or quarantined exotic zoo animals.
- Provides assistance in preventing and controlling hazards associated with exotic animals and zoonotic diseases.
- Works in collaboration with the Veterinarian to monitor and make adjustments as needed to the animal nutrition program.
- Assists in dispensing and administration of medication to zoo animals.
- Performs and/or provides assistance in conducting laboratory sampling, testing, anesthesia, and necropsies.
- Monitors and maintains medical facility supply inventories and equipment.
- Prepares and maintains a variety of departmental records, reports, and documentation. Relays pertinent information to Veterinarian and from Veterinarian to appropriate zoo staff
- Performs other duties as assigned or required.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

#### **Education and Experience:**

Associate's Degree in Veterinary Technology, AND one year experience providing veterinary assistance; OR an equivalent combination of education and experience.

#### **Required Licenses or Certifications:**

- Registration as a Licensed Veterinarian Technician is preferred.

#### **Required Knowledge of:**

- Principles and practices of veterinary technology.

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- Regulations and standards governing the care of zoo animals.
- Procedures for administering medication and medical care to exotic animals.
- Equipment and materials used in the care and medical treatment of zoo animals.
- Safety protocols pertaining to the handling and care of exotic animals.
- Veterinary records, reports, and documentation.

#### **Required Skill in:**

- Coordinating and performing a variety of skilled veterinary technician functions.
- Assisting in ensuring the proper care and health of the Zoo's animal collection.
- Providing assistance in administering medication and medical treatments to exotic animals.
- Maintaining the Zoo's medical facility supply inventories and equipment.
- Preparing and maintaining accurate departmental records and documentation.
- Interacting with zoo visitors and participating in educational programming activities.

#### **Work Environment:**

- Work is performed in and around zoo facilities and involves exposure to dangerous veterinary drugs and contact with exotic animals.