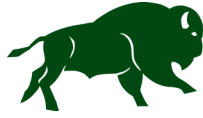


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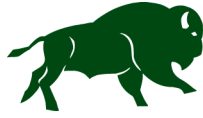
Title	Keeper Intern-Veterinary Services
Learning Objectives	<p>This position contributes to the success of the Chicago Zoological Society by providing technical and medical support to the veterinary staff for the care provided to the animal collection and hospitalized patients. This position also assists the Veterinary Services Department and the Chicago Zoological Society in creating innovations and excellence in conservation leadership and animal welfare by enabling the Veterinary Services Department to meet the most current standards for specialized veterinary care.</p>
Responsibilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. * Assist in preparation for surgical procedures and assist veterinary staff in performing surgical procedures. Assist in performing cleaning, disinfection and sterilization of the surgical suite, surgical instruments, and equipment. (15%)2. *Under the direct supervision of the Lead Keeper/Assistant Lead Keeper or Senior keeper, create and maintain accurate medical record documentation that is required during an animal procedure or prescription request. (15%)3. *Communicate regularly with hospital supervisors/managers regarding animal medical and husbandry management including but not limited to medical procedures, nutrition, training, and behavioral enrichments. (15%)4. *Assist in maintaining drug and medical supplies and inventory maintenance. Maintain current pharmacy, treatment areas, animal, and equipment inventory as directed (10%)5. *Under direct supervision of the Lead Keeper/Assistant Lead Keeper or Senior Keeper administer medications and vaccinations as directed by veterinarians. (10%)6. *Under direct supervision of the Lead Keeper/Assistant Lead Keeper or Senior Keeper assist in the operation and maintenance of radiographic equipment. Conduct diagnostic radiography, including positioning of the patient, exposure, and development of radiographs. (10%)



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. *Under direct supervision of associate veterinarians, maintain and monitor anesthesia, including the operation of inhalation anesthesia equipment and patient monitoring devices. (10%)8. Under necessary conditions, assist with sample preparation, clean animal enclosures, pools, and service areas as required. Other related duties as assigned. (10%)9. Other related duties as assigned. (5%)
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduation from an AVMA certified school of veterinary technology.• Animal care facility, farm, or equivalent experience required. Relevant experience working at the Chicago Zoological Society a plus.• Technical skills are required including proficient restraint, sample collection techniques, patient monitoring, and intravenous catheter placement with domestic animals required.• Ability to learn infection control and quarantine practices.• Current knowledge of veterinary medical practices, animal anatomy and physiology, basic pharmacology and principles of anesthesia required.• Knowledge of natural history, principles of animal behavior and husbandry preferred.• Must be able to work with animals safely.• Knowledge of sterile techniques and surgical equipment cleaning and sterilization preferred.• Under direction must be able to deliver various medications through standard practices.• Solid communication and interpersonal skills required.• Good decision-making skills and sound judgment required.• Must demonstrate proficiency in perceiving and acting upon relevant changes in animal behaviors and conditions.• Incumbent must demonstrate the ability to accurately perform job duties.• Must be able to maintain confidentiality with regard to animal matters, personnel and other privileged information.• Experience and/or ability to work and interact effectively with a diverse, multicultural audience. Multi-lingual ability and Spanish fluency a plus.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valid driver's license required. Illinois residents must possess a valid Illinois license within 90 days of hire. Valid out-of-state license required for out-of-state residents.
Additional Information	<p>This position description summarizes the primary duties and functions of the position, but should not be considered a complete listing of every duty the incumbent may ever be called upon to perform. Incumbent must represent the Society in a professional manner at all times. Veterinary technicians are frequently subjected to potential hazards that include direct contact with or close proximity to live animals. Incumbent must possess knowledge of occupational hazards and safe work practices around such hazards.</p> <p>These positions are physically demanding, and employees may be subjected to a variety of physical demands and environmental factors and exposures. This job description contains the primary duties and responsibilities of the position, but in no way implies that these are the only duties the employee may ever be called upon to perform.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsibility for Society Property: Incumbent is responsible for the care and proper use of equipment and property.• Responsibility for Safety of Others: Incumbent is responsible for the safety of guests, animals, employees, interns, volunteers, etc., as instructed. Must be alert to hazards and potential hazards and take action to remedy or report these as appropriate.• Contacts: Primary contacts include Society staff, professional associates, volunteers, docents, interns, and guests.• Qualifications and Characteristics: Incumbent must possess a genuine interest in animals and their welfare. Must work cooperatively and follow appropriate communication channels. Must possess ability to adjust quickly to changes. Must understand, or quickly acquire understanding of how department interfaces with Society-wide operations. Incumbent must possess or acquire knowledge of Chicago Zoological Society, the mission, policies and procedures, and incorporate into daily responsibilities.