



Veterinary Technician Supervisor

Our Mission: Houston Zoo connects communities with animals, inspiring action to save wildlife.

Our Vision: Houston Zoo will be a leader in the global movement to save wildlife.

The Houston Zoo is seeking well-qualified candidates for the position of Veterinary Technician Supervisor to be responsible for the functional supervision, including operational assistance, staff development, and technical guidance, of the veterinary technician team. Preferred: Two years of supervisory experience in a veterinary clinic, hospital or laboratory.

Job Duties and Responsibilities

- Provides functional supervision, operational assistance, and technical guidance to a team of four Licensed Veterinary Technicians in daily functions. Creates schedules and provides performance evaluations for direct reports.
- Assisting veterinarians with routine, diagnostic, and emergency procedures, including, but not limited to surgery, digital radiology, ultrasonography, dental prophylaxis and, anesthesia induction, monitoring and recovery, medication administration, IV catheter placement, gross necropsy participation, and triage of native wildlife.
- Performing routine pharmacy related skills including medical calculations involving dilutions, dosages, and compounding medications. Skilled in interpreting, dispensing, and administering medications as prescribed by a veterinarian.
- Preparing specimens and performing diagnostic laboratory tests; e.g. fecal analysis, hematology, serum chemistry, urinalysis, cytology, and other laboratory evaluations
- Maintains animal health, anesthetic and surgical records.
- Performs routine equipment maintenance to assure proper function and quality results, including surgical suite preparation and instrument sterilization.
- Trains veterinary technicians, veterinary technician/student interns/externs or other volunteers on procedures and protocols.
- Routinely performs duties of Licensed Veterinary Technicians and may transport animals from cages, restrain animals weighing up to 120 pounds for injections/medications/examinations/ and/or administer selected medication. May feed and water animals and clean cages/runs.

- Evaluates the condition of area facilities and equipment; communicates issues and concerns to the Hospital Manager for generating and tracking of work requests; monitors repair and maintenance work as needed.
- Provides input to Hospital Manager and/or Vice President Animal Operations on budget formulation and monitoring.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE

- Required: A two or four-year degree from an accredited program in animal technology and current status as a Licensed Veterinary Technician is required or ability to obtain Texas license within 6 months of employment.
- Required: Five years' experience working in a veterinary clinic or hospital.
- Preferred: Two years of supervisory experience in a veterinary clinic, hospital or laboratory.
- Preferred: At least one year in a laboratory setting for diagnostic sample processing or research.
- May be required to safely operate a motor vehicle. Valid Texas driver's license or ability to obtain one within 60 days of employment.

ABOUT HOUSTON ZOO'S VETERINARY PROGRAM

In addition to managing clinical cases, the veterinary program maintains a strong focus on preventive medicine with a busy schedule of quarantine and routine health exams, diagnostic screening, and vaccinations. The veterinary staff also works closely with veterinary and human medical specialists when advanced diagnostics or therapies are needed for animal patients. The Houston Zoo and the veterinary team are committed to conservation of animals in the wild and work with the recovery programs for the Houston Toad and Atwater's prairie chicken, work with Balor College of Medicine to detect and prevent elephant deaths from Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpes Virus, and assist with the treatment of injured and ill sea turtles from the gulf coast.

In 2017, The Denton A. Cooley Animal Hospital at the Houston Zoo was expanded and renovated into a state of the art zoo medical facility that includes expanded and updated space for the laboratory, large and small animal radiography, surgery, large and small animal treatment, necropsy, and office space. The Houston Zoo maintains advanced anesthetic monitoring equipment, digital cordless radiography, in-house and portable ultrasound units, rigid and flexible endoscopy, and specialized laboratory equipment.

ABOUT HOUSTON

Houston is the fourth largest city in the US, and ranks first among the nation's most populous cities in total acreage of parkland, with many greenspaces, parks and bayous that allow for year-round hiking, biking and kayaking. Houston is home to a diverse culture as well as the world's largest medical complex, a vibrant museum and theatre district, the Johnson Space Center, and a continually growing technology industry. Houston is considered to have one of the best culinary scenes in the country, including vegan friendly restaurants, farm to table restaurants, and breweries. Forbes magazine ranks Houston first among US cities where paychecks stretch the furthest. Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico are just 50 miles away, offering beach access and unparalleled opportunities for birding and other outdoor activities.

Join the Houston Zoo and become a part of an organization that is focused on the preservation of wildlife and their habitats by combining conservation with education and promotion of sustainable livelihoods in the local communities.

E-mail resume and completed application to careers@houstonzoo.org

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