Veterinary Technician Job Description

Job Summary:
This position is responsible for providing veterinary care for all animals as defined by best practices and Standard operating procedures by the Animal Defense League. The veterinary technician carries out designated care, treatment, and other medical care as directed by the veterinarian. Must be able to perform multiple tasks in a fast-paced and, at times, emotional environment; work independently and follow directions. Must be able to work with the public and their demands in a professional and appropriate manner. The veterinary technician position reports to the Hospital Medical Manager.

Job Requirements:
• 3 year experience working as a veterinary technician
• Veterinarian technician certification is preferred
• Must have open availability including holidays and weekends

Veterinary Technician Job Duties:

• Determines animal requirements by conducting examinations and interviews; reviewing care plans and records; completing laboratory tests and studies, and diagnostic imaging.
• Cares for animals by taking vital signs; collecting samples; administering medications, drugs, and vaccines; bandaging and wrapping wounds; performing hydrotherapy, physical and inhalation therapies.
• Supports animal examinations by assembling required supplies and instruments; securing and bringing animals to examination room; restraining animals; aiding as directed; explaining animal’s status to owner.
• Supports operations by assembling required supplies and instruments; restraining animals; hooking-up ECG monitors; preparing surgical site; placing catheters; obtaining blood gases; cleaning-up post-surgical site; maintaining sterile conditions; obtaining and verifying medications.
• Maintains animals by feeding and watering animals; cleaning animals’ rooms, cages, and equipment; changing cages; observing for clinical signs of disease.
• Maintains safe, secure, healthy and humane environment by sterilizing and wrapping instruments; sanitizing and disinfecting holding and exam areas; storing sterile supplies; verifying shelf life; following standards and procedures; complying with legal regulations.
• Maintains animal records by documenting animal conditions, reactions, and changes; updating database.
• Maintains equipment by following operating instructions; troubleshooting breakdowns; maintaining equipment supplies; performing preventive maintenance; calling for repairs.
• Keeps supplies ready by inventorying stock; placing orders; verifying receipt.
• Updates job knowledge by participating in educational opportunities; reading professional journals.
• Enhances service reputation by accepting ownership for accomplishing new and different requests; exploring opportunities to add value to job accomplishments. Skills/Qualifications: Knowledge of Animal Behavior, Animal Husbandry, Documentation Skills, Analyzing Information, Clinical Skills, Creating a Safe, Effective Environment, Performing Diagnostic Procedures, Use of Medical Technologies, Attention to Detail, Patience, Verbal Communication

Knowledge, skills and abilities:
• Animal health procedures and practices
• Animal anatomy and basic surgical techniques
• Methods and procedures of animal care
• Safety procedures and techniques
• Tools and instruments used in veterinary medicine
• Perform basic examinations of animals
• Handle animals under all types of conditions and situations
• Give injections and blood draw
• Working knowledge of x-ray practices and procedures
Physical demands and working conditions:

Physical requirements include frequent lifting and carrying up to 50 pounds and greater than 50 pounds with assistance/visual acuity, speech and hearing; hand and eye coordination and manual dexterity. Subject to climbing, kneeling, lifting, sitting, standing, stooping, bending, and walking to perform the essential functions. Working conditions are inside and outside with frequent exposure to temperature variations, hazardous chemicals, noise, dirty environment, confining work space and unfavorable odors.