



**Do you have a passion for the making animals and their welfare?
Do you want to work for an organization that positively influences and educates the
lives of others, a place that believes in conservation and
sustaining the environment, a place where you are building a better future
for you and your community?**

**If the answer is yes, then the Virginia Living Museum has a placed for you!
We are looking for an enthusiastic, hardworking, mission driven person to join our
Veterinary Team as a Licensed Veterinary Technician!**

Job Description: Licensed Veterinary Technician

Status: Part-Time, Non-Exempt, 21 hours / Week (*on-site*)

Department: Animal Welfare and Conservation

General Statement of Duties

The Veterinary Technician is responsible for providing the Lead Veterinarian with clinical support in the medical and surgical care of the Museum's live animal collection. The Veterinary Technician assists the Lead Veterinarian with the implementation of the Veterinary care program and maintenance of all Veterinary department protocols. The position recognizes the capacity to achieve greater results by integrating skilled volunteers and leveraging their diverse knowledge and abilities. The Veterinary Technician reports directly to the Lead Veterinarian.

Qualifications

- Degree obtained from an AVMA accredited Veterinary Technology Program
- Three or more years of experience as a veterinary technician in a zoological, aquarium, or exotic animal specialty practice/setting.
- Maintains all appropriate veterinary technician licensure in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Proficiency in animal restraint, sample collection techniques, patient monitoring, cytology, hematology, parasitology, radiograph positioning, and intravenous catheter placement.
- Knowledge of the anatomy, physiology, behavior, handling, and anesthesia techniques of zoological species.
- Knowledge of sterile techniques and surgical equipment cleaning and sterilization in addition to knowledge of infectious disease control and quarantine practices.
- Experience in maintenance of electronic records (Species 360).
- Chemical immobilization training preferred.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Follow written and oral instructions from the Lead Veterinarian.
- Must display initiative and good judgement.

- Must be able to work independently in the absence of an immediate supervisor.
- Must have proof of current rabies vaccination or agree to be vaccinated at the museum's expense.
- Fit Aid & CPR certified or agree to become at museum's expense.
- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Must be able to remain calm, make sound decisions, and provide direction in a crisis situation.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Be a positive, enthusiastic representative of the Virginia Living Museum.
- Enhances the success of the department by providing effective oversight to volunteers.
- Enhances the Guest Experience by assisting the Lead Veterinarian in preparation and execution of all medical procedures including setting up equipment and supplies, chemical and/or manual restraint, monitoring patients under anesthesia or sedation and during recovery, administration of medical treatments, production of radiographs, diagnostic sample collection and analysis, medical record keeping, and gross necropsy.
- Conducts all in-house laboratory analysis including chemistry, cytology, fecal analysis, hematology, urinalysis, and proper sample handling and processing for outside laboratories and research collaborations.
- As directed by the Lead Veterinarian, fills prescription and administers treatments.
- Creates and maintains medical records of all diagnostics sample results, anesthesia records, histopathology reports, veterinary specialist consult reports, and keeper communication.
- Maintains medical supply and drug inventory, controlled drug logs, and appropriate disposal of expired drugs and supplies.
- Maintains professional relationships with local AZA facility veterinarians and consulting veterinary specialists.
- Serves as a liaison for all animal health concerns to the Lead Veterinarian and/or the designated on-call /relief veterinarian while the Lead Veterinarian is off-site.
- Performs emergency triage and treatment of the collection in the absence of the Lead Veterinarian and under his/her remote instruction.
- Performs gross necropsy and tissue sampling on all mortalities in the absence of or under the supervision of the Lead Veterinarian.
- Maintains clinic, surgery, radiology, and necropsy areas in a professional manner. Assists in the operation and maintenance of all veterinary laboratory and imaging equipment.
- Maintains chemical immobilization equipment and participates in routine staff training.
- Helps train and coordinate veterinary assistants as needed.
- Transports animals when necessary for facility transfer and/or medical treatment.
- Follows museum safety policies and procedures.
- Other duties as assigned.

Essential Job Requirements

- Must be able to work occasional weekends, evenings, and holidays and be on-call when necessary.
- Must be able to perceive detailed information through oral communication.
- Must display excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to lift and/or exert up to 50 pounds
- Must be able to move throughout the Museum's building(s) and outdoor trail as needed.
- Must have a visual acuity to be able to operate motor vehicles and/or equipment.

- Must be able to sit, stand, walk, stoop, kneel, crawl, reach, push, pull, lift, grasp, feel, and utilize repetitive motions.
- The candidate will be subject to outdoor environmental conditions such as heat, cold, wind, rain, and humidity.

Supervision Exercised: None

**Qualified applicants please submit VLM application, cover letter, resume, and references.
No phone calls, please.**

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