

Position Available: Vet Technician

Full time 37.5 hours per week. Variable work schedule includes weekends

Organizational Mission

Fauna Foundation is a sanctuary for chimpanzees, monkeys, and farm animals. Fauna Foundation is the only chimpanzee sanctuary in Canada. Fauna's mission includes sanctuary, education, and conservation. The sanctuary is located on about 200 acres about 20 minutes south of Montreal in Carignan, Quebec.

Overview:

The Vet Technician position is responsible for the physical and medical well-being of the residents at Fauna Sanctuary. This is a full time 37.5 hour a week position with a variable schedule that could include some weekends and holidays.

The tech is expected to be able to identify all of the chimpanzees by sight, have a strong understanding of chimpanzee behavior, and develop a relationship with all the residents. The tech is expected to act as positive ambassadors for chimpanzees to the public, volunteers, interns, and other individuals at the sanctuary. The tech must have high level of observational skills, judgment and intuition, a compassionate approach to serving others, be cheerful, optimistic, and a problem solver and demonstrate written and spoken English fluency

Responsibilities:

The following is a list of the essential functions of this position. This list is intended to be representative of the tasks performed with the position description but is not limited to it.

- Prepare and administer medications daily
- Record-keeping and data entry of residents' health
- Inventory and order medications for the clinic
- Work closely with our Veterinarian team.
- Weekly rounds of all the nonhuman residents.
- Knowledge of monkey, chimpanzees, large farm animal, and dog behavior and husbandry
- Medical procedures and observation of large and small farm animals including (but not limited to) anesthetizing monkeys, chimpanzees blood draws, suturing, surgery prep and bandaging
- 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.
- Cares for animals by taking vital signs; collecting samples; administering medications, drugs, and vaccines; bandaging and wrapping wounds; performing hydrotherapy, physical and inhalation therapies.
- Clean enclosures and living areas.
- Serve some meals
- Positive Reinforcement Training for cooperation with medical procedures.
- Train staff in procedures such as dart gun, or injection.
- Occasional surgery assistance in small animal vet clinic.
- Becoming part of the sanctuary team, willing to help other care staff and departments as needed.
- Monitoring the safety of co-workers, residents, volunteer, interns and immediately alerting others to unsafe situations or condition.
- Familiarity with Emergency Response codes and protocols and radio use.
- Participating in teams meetings, staff meetings, staff training and educational sessions, and emergency response drills.
- Other duties as assigned.

Physical requirements:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential function of this job.

Stand for long periods of time; walk, sit; use hands to finger, handle or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb stairs, step stools, ladders; balance; stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl; talk and hear. The employee must regularly lift and or move up to 25 pounds.

Environmental requirements:

- Tasks are regularly performed with potential for exposure to adverse conditions such as toxic/ poisonous agents, dirt, dust, pollen, odors, wetness, humidity, rain, temperature, and noise extremes, animals/wildlife.
- Employees must not object to chimpanzee behaviors such as spitting of water, saliva or food; throwing of food, or waste, and chimpanzee

displays that may include banging, kicking of fencing, and/or loud screams.

- Retaliation, and or negativity towards or about the residents is not tolerated.

Education:

- DEC in Animal Health Technology or comparable degree is required.
- Complete fluency in English and French is required.
- Experience working as a vet tech is required.
- Experience working with nonhuman primates is preferred.
- Canadian citizen or current work permit

\$18.00-\$20.00 CAD per hour based on experience.

Please send resume in English to
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