



Job Description

Job Title: Veterinary Technician
FLSA Status: Regular Full-time, Exempt
Reports to: Veterinarian & General Curator
Department: Marine Operations Department (Veterinary Division)
Supervises: Veterinary Services Interns and Volunteers

Job Summary: This position has the responsibility of supplying veterinary technician and clinical laboratory technical support to the Park's Veterinary Services Department. This position assists with and performs supportive and medical tasks to ensure the health and welfare of all animals housed at the Coral World Ocean Park. The Veterinary Technician performs the day to day functioning of the laboratory, quality control program, including but not limited to: hematology, serum chemistry, cytology, urinalysis, ultrasound, fecal parasite exams, and water coliform tests.

Duties and Responsibilities: (Including but not limited to)

1. Provides assistance to the Veterinarians as needed including support for diagnostics and treatments such as; endoscopy, surgery, radiology, ultrasound, biopsies, necropsy, catheterization, anesthesia and fluid therapy of birds, mammals, reptiles, and fish.
2. Communicates with staff, veterinarian and supervisors as needed. Responds to emergencies, performs physical examinations, carries out designated treatment, collects diagnostic samples, and dispenses or administers medications as directed by Veterinarians.
3. Maintains a current veterinary supply inventory and coordinates procurement. Prepares purchase orders and check requests within Marine Operations budget with General Curator approval.
4. Assists in maintaining all veterinary medical records and logs and accurate data records and distributes laboratory results as directed.
5. Assumes primary responsibility for animal health laboratory procedures. Performs diagnostic tests on biological samples, using both manual and automated techniques. Prepares, ships, and assist with tracking diagnostic samples. Maintain accurate data records and distributes laboratory results as directed.
6. Maintain, calibrate and quality control, on standard laboratory equipment (e.g. Idexx machine, Istat, centrifuge, microscopes, etc). Order, set-up and learn new equipment as needed.
7. Complies with biohazard safety standards through proper handling of potentially hazardous biological material, including blood-borne pathogens in the workplace.

8. Maintains workspaces in safe and sanitary condition.
9. Assists in presentations and preparation of education and visitor materials related to clinical animal laboratory topics, animal health and medical care.
10. Maintains on-call status after hours and on weekends as needed.
11. Acts as the lead on sea turtle stranding and recovery
12. Acts as the lead on bird, reptile, and other rehabilitation cases
13. Fosters good relations with visitors, volunteers, community leaders, contractors, and fellow staff members by promoting positive attitudes, good will, cooperation, and provides a high standards of service.
14. Complies with all Coral World policies, procedures, and programs.
15. Performs other duties as assigned.

General Skills/Knowledge/Work Experience/ Education/Certification/License:

Required:

- A minimum of 2 years' experience as a licensed, certified veterinary technician and/or must be eligible for a Veterinary Technician Certificate
- Have at least one year's experience in a clinical veterinary technician position. Preferably in a zoo or aquarium setting.
- Ability to be organized, self-motivated, and possess a strong desire to see the completion of projects.
- Ability to speak and write effectively and be comfortable meeting new people and interfacing with diverse interests.
- Experience with Word, Excel, and Access.
- Knowledge of applicable analytical laboratory equipment.
- Possess hazardous materials training and/or lab safety training.
- Ability to attain a Virgin Islands drivers license.
- Willingness to comply with background check and random drug testing as determined by Coral World.

Preferred:

- Associate degree in Clinical Laboratory science or Veterinary Technician Certificate
- Eligible for Virgin Islands licensure
- Strong cytology skills
- Basic ultrasound experience with marine mammals

Physical Requirements: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by the employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Ability to see and hear; stand and walk; stoop, kneel, and crouch; use arms and hands; handle objects, to write and handle tools, and controls; and sit and stand for long periods.
- Ability to lift and move 50 pounds.
- Ability to pass a basic swim test

Special Requirements:

- Must be willing to work overtime, holidays, and weekends as requested by manager.
- Must be a team player and be able to get along with others.
- Must be personable, courteous, and able to work under pressure

Please Note: This job description in no way states or implies that these are the only tasks to be performed by this position. This position will be required to follow any other job-related instructions and to perform any other job-related tasks as requested by their supervisor and/or manager.

To Apply: Send a resume and cover letter to mm.jobs@coralworldvi.com