

Job Description

Position Title: Certified Veterinary Technologist
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt
Position Reports to (Title): Director of Veterinary Services, Associate Veterinarian
Full-time/Part-time: Full-time
Revision Date: 5/1/19

Organizational Mission and History

Save the Chimps operates the largest privately funded chimpanzee sanctuary in the world. Located on nearly 200 acres on the Treasure Coast of Florida, the Sanctuary provides lifetime care and enrichment for chimpanzees rescued from research laboratories, entertainment, and the pet trade.

Save the Chimps was established in 1997 and is home to nearly 240 chimpanzees. The work of the organization is accomplished by a nonprofit board of directors, more than 60 full-time employed staff, and a number of community volunteers.

Position Overview

Save the Chimps is looking for a Certified Veterinary Technologist to join our team. We provide high quality clinical care to nearly 240 chimpanzees retired from laboratories, entertainment and the pet trade. We are looking for a compassionate employee who is able to work both as a team member and independently. Applicants must be available to work full-time which will include one weekend day.

The following is a list of the job responsibilities. Veterinary technical proficiency is required, but primate experience is not as we are willing to train the right individual.

Essential Job Functions

Clinical Procedures

- Phlebotomy.
- IV and urinary catheter placement and IV fluid set-up.
- Induction, intubation, maintenance and monitoring of anesthesia.
- Surgical prep, monitoring, recovery and post-op patient care.
- Dental prophylaxis and dental surgical assistance.
- Laboratory analysis of urine, feces. Sample preparation for shipping to outside laboratory.
- Dose calculation, preparation and administration of medications.

Hospital Management Duties

- Care, use and maintenance of all diagnostic, surgical and dental equipment.
- Organize/maintain inventory and develop system for keeping updated.
- Maintain, clean and stock veterinary and mobile hospitals, lab and pharmacy.
- Maintain and calibrate diagnostic equipment and machines.
- Maintain surgical and dental instruments (clean, pack and sterilize).
- Set up and clean up post-mortem examinations.
- Manage animal records.
- Develop system to track routine preventative health (de-worming, vaccinations, etc.).

Animal Care

- Assist veterinarian(s) during daily care and observations of chimpanzees.
- Assist veterinarians(s) with medical rounds.
- Become knowledgeable of resident chimpanzee histories and personalities.
- Other duties as required.

Education and Work Experience

- High school diploma or equivalent required.
- Bachelor's degree from AVMA CVTEA Accredited school of Veterinary Technology required.
- Florida Veterinary Technology Certification.
- Proficient in veterinary technical and hospital management skills as listed above.
- VTNE or state equivalent required.
- Minimum three years of full-time clinical experience as a veterinary technologist.

Physical Requirements

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

- While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally required to 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; balance; stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl; talk or hear; taste or smell. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by the job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.
- Able to drive and operate golf cart or other vehicles for use on sanctuary property.
- Must be able to run and swim in the face of danger

Environmental Requirements:

- Tasks are regularly performed with potential for exposure to adverse conditions, such as dirt, dust, pollen, odors, wetness, humidity, rain, temperature and noise extremes, machinery, vibrations, animals/wildlife. Employees must not object to unpleasant chimpanzee behaviors include spitting of water or saliva, throwing of feces, food or other waste, and chimpanzee displays that may include banging, kicking of the mesh barrier, and loud screams or hooting.
- Work outside in inclement weather, if needed.

Save the Chimps is an equal opportunity employer and considers applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected status.



To Apply

Please submit a CV, cover letter and at least two professional references to:

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Fort Pierce, FL 34979

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