Dear VTS (Zoo) or Supervising Veterinarian,

The Academy of Veterinary Zoological Medicine Technicians (AVZMT) exists to promote excellence in the discipline of zoo medicine. The Academy will provide a process by which veterinary technicians may become certified as a Veterinary Technician Specialist (VTS) in the field of zoo medicine.

During the application stage of this process, AVZMT relies on fellow Academy members and/or supervising veterinarians to attest to an applicant’s technical skill set by signing the Advanced Skills Checklists.

By signing this document, you acknowledge your important position within the application process, and agree to comply with the following criteria when signing the Advanced Skills Checklists:

AVZMT defines ‘mastery’ as the ability to **REPEATEDLY** perform a skill **safely, with a high degree of success, and without instruction on a wide variety of species under varied conditions.** I attest that I have witnessed the applicant ________________ performing these skills **frequently, successfully, safely,** and **without instruction** in a wide variety of species under varied conditions. **The candidate and I have reviewed together, line by line, all skills on each list before I initialed and signed the documents.**

Signed: ________________________________________
Date: __________________________________________
Print Name: _____________________________________

Relationship to VTS (Zoo) applicant: ________________________________