

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN EXTERNSHIP

Description:

The purpose of the veterinary technician externship is to introduce veterinary technician students to the specialty of zoo veterinary technology. The extern will assist the veterinarian and technician daily with procedures, treatments, hospital maintenance, etc.

Duties:

- Assist veterinary staff with routine procedures (immobilizations, physical exams, treatments, etc) as well as emergency procedures.
- Assist veterinary technician with lab work (parasitology, urinalysis, in-house blood work, preparing samples for outside laboratories).
- Assist with hospital maintenance (equipment cleaning, sterilization, inventory, etc).
- Care for animals (cleaning and feeding) in hospital holding/quarantine when needed.
- Enter data into MedArks program and file records.
- Dispense medications under supervision of the veterinary technician.
- Assist with necropsies.
- Responsibilities will be dependent on the applicant's experience and skills.

Requirements:

- Students should be enrolled in an accredited veterinary technology program with a long-term interest in zoo/wildlife medicine. Experience with exotic species is preferred but not required.
- Students should be willing to learn, eager to create and complete projects and have a respect for wild animals. Students should also work well with others. It is preferred that the student have some previous animal experience.
- Applicants must be available to work at least 30 hrs/week (40 hrs/week preferred) and must be able to work a flexible schedule.
- A negative tuberculin test within the past year is required. Current rabies, hepatitis B, and tetanus vaccinations are recommended.

Availability:

Externships are available all year. The largest volume and diversity of clinical procedures occur in the winter months. Externships will last a minimum of 4-6 weeks, depending on the student's requirements for school. It is imperative that you check the [availability calendar](#) prior to applying. By limiting overlap of extern schedules, we can help you acquire the most from your experience at the zoo.

Compensation:

Externships at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo are unpaid positions. There is no housing or stipend offered by the zoo. Externs will work as volunteers for the duration of their externship. A paid position is not guaranteed at the completion of an internship.

Credit:

The zoo staff is happy to provide necessary documentation for the student's college credit.

To Apply:

[Complete an application online.](#) If you have questions, contact the Volunteer Manager at 260-427-6828 or volunteer@kidszoo.org