

## Description

**Southwest Wildlife** is deeply committed to wildlife conservation and education of Native Southwestern species. Southwest rescues, rehabilitates, and releases injured, displaced and orphaned wildlife. Wildlife education includes advice on living with wildlife and the importance of native wildlife to healthy ecosystems. Educational and humane scientific research opportunities are offered in the field of conservation medicine. Sanctuary is provided to animals that cannot be released back to the wild.

The **Certified Veterinary Technician** will support Southwest's mission by providing veterinary care for sanctuary animals and immediate medical care of wildlife coming in on emergency. This position provides support for medical and surgical management of cases, administration of a preventive health program, diagnostic laboratory capabilities, basic animal husbandry, training, emergency triage/support, and other technical support.

### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

- Administer preventive, routine, emergency medical and surgical care and treatment to animals in the sanctuary collection, and incoming wildlife.
- Triage incoming wildlife trauma cases
- Assist in the restraint and immobilization of animals, including capture, physical restraint, administration of sedatives and anesthetics, intubation, monitoring of anesthesia, and facilitating recovery.
- Assist with grounds checks, treatments, and vaccinations.
- Ensure complete electronic and hard-copy medical records, including anesthesia records, controlled drug logs, treatment sheets, diagnostic laboratory results using ZIMS.
- Prepare for veterinary procedures in-hospital and on-grounds. Post procedure: restore the order, cleanliness, and functionality of supplies and equipment.
- Perform diagnostic tests in the hospital laboratory; additionally, research, prepare and coordinate submission of samples to outside diagnostic laboratories.
- Maintain the hospital and associated animal enclosures to ensure veterinary standards of sanitation and welfare.
- Maintain the cleanliness, order, and functionality of the laboratory, biobanked materials, necropsy area, pathology cooler, etc and help ensure proper waste disposal
- Work with all veterinary staff to support smooth, efficient, high-quality operation of hospital.

- Assist with mentorship of veterinary students, veterinary technician interns, volunteers and new hospital employees.
- Provide positive professional interactions and accurate information regarding animals in care to staff, visitors, vendors and volunteers.
- Assist with the success of the guest experience component of the hospital
- Must be available to work additional hours for medical and surgical care of animals and be on-call, if needed.
- Maintain hospital equipment in good working order and troubleshoot as needed.
- Must be available to work weekends, evenings and holidays.
- Provide care for animals that are hospitalized and in quarantine, including behavioral monitoring and training in conjunction with the animal care department.
- Attend and actively participates in daily organizational meetings, hospital staff meetings and other meetings as needed.
- Fill prescriptions and order routine and special-order pharmacy items.
- Assist in keeping track of hospital inventory and supplies
- Participate in other programs, such as conservation and community outreach, when possible and applicable.
- Provide support for biomaterials collection, banking, and send outs.

### **Other Responsibilities and Duties**

- Excellent communication abilities.
- Team player.
- Ability to receive assignments and complete within appropriate time period with substantial independence.
- Ability to interact with Southwest staff, volunteers and public in professional and informative manner.
- Competency in computer skills: word processor, spread sheets, Internet, and networks

### **Technical / Professional Requirements & Qualifications**

- Associate Degree in veterinary technology from an AVMA accredited institution.
- Baccalaureate Degree in veterinary technology, biology, or other animal or life science related field highly desired.
- Currently certified or registered veterinary technician and ability to receive certification in Arizona within 6 months of hire.
- Must complete bi-annual CE requirements to maintain an active status with Arizona State.
- At least 1-year experience in a zoo setting or 24/7 Emergency Facility. Experience working with exotics is highly desired.
- Experience using ZIMS highly desired.

## **Position Conditions**

- Ability to pass a physical examination, background check and pre-employment drug and alcohol screen.
- Clear driving record
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Current negative TB test, rabies and tetanus vaccination.

## **Compensation**

Range for the Veterinarian Technician position is starting at \$17.50 increasing depending on previous experience.

## **Benefits**

Vacation, sick leave, and generous continuing education budget. Uniform allowance.

## **Application Process and Timelines**

Resumes **AND** Cover Letters must be submitted via email to the hospital manager. Email is [Kacie.willcuts@southwestwildlife.org](mailto:Kacie.willcuts@southwestwildlife.org). Email title should read CVT applicant 2022. Review of applications will begin as received. Southwest reserves the right to close the position at will.

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and others who identify as nonwhite, people with disabilities, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and those with lived experience with racism and/or misogynoir are encouraged to apply for this role.

**Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected status or any other characteristic protected by law.**