



## **Associate Veterinarian**

### **Position Description**

Save the Chimps (STC) operates one of the largest chimpanzee sanctuaries in the world. Located on 150 acres on the beautiful Treasure Coast of Florida, the Sanctuary provides high quality clinical and lifetime care and enrichment for over 220 chimpanzees rescued from research laboratories, the U.S. Air Force, the entertainment industry, and the pet trade. The work of the organization is accomplished by a team of over 80 full-time dedicated employees, an impassioned community of volunteers, and a committed, accomplished board of directors.

### **What you get to do:**

Make a real difference by joining an experienced team consisting of the Director of Veterinary Services, other Associate Veterinarian(s), a Managing Certified Veterinary Technician, three Veterinary Technicians and 1 Veterinary Assistant who work collaboratively with chimp behavior and care staff to ensure that the rescued chimpanzees in our care can enjoy the best lives possible in their forever home.

- Provide full-time veterinary care for chimpanzees.
- Provide daily visual health monitoring of sick or injured chimpanzees.
- Perform comprehensive physical exams and diagnostics under general anesthesia.
- Assist with operant conditioning training to maximize chimpanzee cooperation with veterinary exams, treatments, and diagnostics without the use of general anesthesia.
- Evaluate diagnostic results, create treatment plans, and maintain complete medical records utilizing ZIMS medical record system.
- Assist with or perform surgical procedures.
- Provide emergency medical care as needed and share after-hour calls with other staff veterinarians.
- Evaluate quality of life, perform euthanasia and diagnostic necropsies.
- Collaborate with care and behavior staff in the development of comprehensive care plans for individual chimpanzees.
- Assist with the review and implementation of well-being programs for the sanctuary chimpanzees.
- Maintain knowledge of escape procedures and serve as medical officer in the event of an emergency code.
- Assist in training veterinary technicians and assistants.
- Assist with education of all sanctuary staff on various veterinary topics.
- Research primate diseases and cutting-edge treatments for the direct benefit of individual chimpanzees or the species.
- Assist in maintaining and expanding an active collegial network and consulting with network members as needed.



- Assist in informing the public about the sanctuary's mission and how the veterinary department contributes to completing the mission.
- Ensure compliance with federal and state laws and regulations related to animal care, transport and treatment, and the handling of controlled substances

**The Perks of the position:**

- Competitive Wages
- Paid Time Off
- Medical, Dental, and Vision Insurance
- 401K Retirement plan with company match
- Voluntary Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Disability Benefits
- Dependent and Health Care Flexible Spending Accounts
- Employee Assistance Program

**What you need to be successful in this role:**

- Have a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree from an AVMA-accredited university with a minimum of 3-5 years in full-time veterinary care experience.
- Have experience with or interest in great apes
- Ability to obtain Florida state veterinary license and USDA Category II accreditation within 60 days of employment.
- Work well in a collaborative team setting

**EEO Employer:**

SAVE THE CHIMPS IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT REGARD TO AGE, RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, PREGNANCY, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, DISABILITY OR COVERED VETERAN STATUS.



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