



### **Job Classification**

Position Title: Associate Veterinarian

FLSA Status: Exempt

Reports to: Director of Veterinary Services

Date: December 2024

### **Who We Are:**

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 retired 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, one Associate Veterinarian, a Managing CVT, and four veterinary technicians who work collaboratively with chimp behavior and care staff to ensure that the chimpanzees in our care enjoy the best lives possible in their forever home.

- Provide full-time veterinary care for the 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.
- Assist with education of all sanctuary staff on various veterinary topics.
- Research primate disease 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.

**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:**

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

**How to Apply:**

Please send resume and cover letter to [hr@savethechimps.org](mailto:hr@savethechimps.org).

**For more information contact:**

**Lisa Lewis**

**Director of Veterinary Services**

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Please [click here](#) to watch our recruitment video.

**EEO Employer:**

Save the Chimps is an equal opportunity employer and is consistent in the treatment of all applicants and employees 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.

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