

Veterinary Technician

Full-Time (40 hrs./week) schedule including 1 weekend shift per week and holidays, Non-Exempt

Reports to the Managing Certified Veterinary Technician

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 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, and Veterinary Technicians 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.

Essential Job Functions:

The following is a list of the essential functions of this position, intended to be representative of the tasks performed but is not limited to:

Clinical Procedures

- Phlebotomy, IV catheter placement
- IV fluid and drug administration and monitoring
- Induction, intubation, maintenance and monitoring of anesthesia including a detailed written anesthesia log
- Surgical prep, monitoring, recovery and post-op patient care
- Laboratory analysis of urine, feces, blood, and other samples; record keeping of results
- Preparation of biological samples for shipment to outside laboratories
- Ultrasound-guided cystocentesis
- 12-channel ECG
- Digital radiography, including dental
- Post-mortem examinations; document examinations with photographs and written records.

Hospital Duties

- Prepare and distribute medications for a population of more than 200 chimpanzees
- Label prescription vials and keep the prescription information current and updated
- Maintain thorough records of temporary medications and medication remakes
- Maintain, clean and stock veterinary and mobile hospitals, the lab and pharmacy
- Data entry and filing of laboratory records and receipts.
- Answer triage calls with the veterinarians/ other veterinary technicians and independently if others are unavailable
- Ensure all medications are in-date, not expired
- Prepare biological samples for shipment to outside laboratories
- Assist with chimpanzee examination procedure tasks as directed

Other Duties

- Serve as an adjunct member of the STAT team, under direction of the veterinarian(s)
- Train chimps for medical procedures using operant conditioning

What you need to be successful in this role:

- Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in Zoo/Animal Veterinary Technology, Biology, Zoology/ Wildlife, or related field, or commensurate experience required
- Minimum of 3-5 years' experience working full time in a full-service veterinary clinic
- Knowledge of over-the-counter medications and common prescriptions
- Strong attention to detail, excellent organizational and time management skills
- Demonstrated success working in a collaborative and team-based environment
- Excellent communication skills and demonstrated flexibility in an ever-changing environment
- Proficient with the use of Microsoft Office or Google software to include creation and modifications of documents, spreadsheets, email and calendar functionality
- Proficient in the use of medical record software, ZIMS preferred
- Able to drive and operate golf cart or other vehicles for use on sanctuary property.

The perks of the position:

- Competitive Wage
- Generous Paid Time Off
- Medical, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, Short- and Long-Term Disability Insurance
- Dependent and Health Care Flexible Spending Accounts
- 401K Retirement plan with company match

Physical Requirements:

- Required to stand, often for long periods of time; walk, sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms, climb stairs, balance; stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl; talk and hear, taste and smell. The employee must lift and/or move up to 25 pounds, team lifting anything in excess of 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by the job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.
- Must be able to run and swim in the face of danger.

Environmental Conditions:

Potential exposure to adverse conditions such as: dirt, dust, pollen, odors, wetness, humidity, rain, temperature and noise extremes, machinery, vibrations, animals/wildlife. Must tolerate unpleasant chimpanzee behaviors which include spitting of water or saliva, throwing of feces, food or other waste, and chimpanzee displays that may include banging, kicking of the fencing, and loud screams or hooting. Work outside in inclement weather, as needed.

How to Apply:

Please send resume and cover letter to: hr@savethechimps.org

For more information contact:

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Must be able to pass a post offer drug screen and criminal background check. Also due to the safety risk to the chimps, it is an essential function of the position to have received the COVID-19 vaccine, along with several other immunizations, and have a negative Tb test.

EEO Employer:

Save the Chimps is an equal opportunity employer and considers applicants for all positions 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.