



Position: Veterinary Technician

Location: Kendalia, TX

Website: www.wildlife-rescue.org

Apply to: tstables@wildlife-rescue.org

Job Type: Full-time, Hourly

History: Established in 1977, Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation (WRR) receives over 10,000 wild animals per year for rehabilitation and release as well as providing permanent sanctuary for more than 600 resident non-releasable indigenous wildlife, non-native wildlife (large mammals, primates, reptiles and birds) and farmed animals. Wildlife Rescue is located on 212 acres in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, near Austin and San Antonio.

Description: This position works very closely with the Lead Veterinarian, Associate Veterinarian and the Rehabilitation Manager to ensure excellent care for all animals at Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation. The Veterinary Technician will be a member of the Veterinary Staff and participate in medical care of both hospitalized wildlife and permanent resident animals in sanctuary. The current Veterinary Staff includes a full-time Veterinarian, a full-time Associate Veterinarian and Veterinarian Technician Apprentices.

Primary Position Duties and Responsibilities:

Primary areas of responsibility are tending to the medical needs of the animals, ensuring protocols are current and accurate, including, but not limited to, those described below:

- Perform opening and closing procedures of Veterinary Treatment room and Surgery Suite on daily basis. Restock supplies and perform daily cleaning of Vet Rooms. Maintenance, repair and calibration of all Veterinary Equipment.
- Triage wildlife hospital patients and assist veterinarian with examinations and treatment plans for each individual. Record all medical information in patient file, fill out medication schedules as dictated by vet and administer all necessary medications and treatments as prescribed.
- Prepare for and assist with surgeries and monitor patients' anesthesia during procedures. Recover patients post-op. Clean and autoclave surgical packs.
- Collect, prepare and ship laboratory samples to a variety of labs. Perform in-house diagnostics as prescribed by veterinarian including: x-rays, blood work, chemistry panels and fecal parasite analysis.
- Gain confidence in skills such as IV catheter placement, wing wraps, and dental cleanings.
- Work with animal care staff to ensure proper patient identification, proper nutritional support and habitat setup for each patient.
- Maintain written documentation of services performed and copies provided to WRR for the animals files.
- Maintain proper controlled substance records as required by the DEA. Compound pharmaceuticals, fill prescriptions and distribute medications as prescribed by Veterinarian.
- Maintain medical paperwork, tags and clips.
- Other duties as assigned.

Requirements:

- Education: An associate's degree is required, Veterinarian Technician certification required.
- Experience: 1-2 years' experience working with native wildlife preferred.
- Attendance: Must maintain regular and acceptable attendance.
- Vaccinations: Meningitis, Tetanus and rabies pre-exposure vaccinations are required. Negative TB test required.
- Communication: Ability to communicate clearly and effectively via oral or written means. Ability to document daily observations reports, medical logs etc.
- Composure: Ability to remain calm and maintain self-control in the midst of difficult circumstances and emergencies. Ability to respond in a professional manner in all situations and have a high level of integrity.
- Organization: Ability to keep various on-going projects organized. Requires good time management practices and the ability to meet multiple deadlines.
- Technical: Working knowledge of animal husbandry and rehabilitation.
- Computer: Working knowledge MS Office; Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook.

Compensation:

Salary is \$16.00 hourly contingent on certification and experience, plus benefits (WRR will pay 55% of your monthly insurance premium). Discounted onsite housing is available. Full-time employees will receive 18 days of PTO and seven paid holidays per year. Candidates selected for interview will be requested to provide references. Position open until filled.

Persons interested in applying for this position should send a cover letter & resume (email preferred):

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation, Inc.
 Email: tstables@wildlife-rescue.org
 Phone: 210-879-8002

WRR is an Equal Opportunity Employer.