



**Position:** Veterinary Technician

**Status:** Full-time

**Basic Function:** Located along the Space Coast in Melbourne, Florida, the Brevard Zoo is an AZA-accredited facility with a diverse collection of over 900 animals representing nearly 200 species. It is also home to the Sea Turtle Healing Center (STHC) for rehabilitation of wild marine turtles. Brevard Zoo is well-known for its strong conservation ethic and unique attractions, such as kayaking through the Africa area, giraffe feeding and various animal encounters.

The Zoo's growing Department of Veterinary Programs is seeking a dynamic individual to join our team of dedicated animal health professionals as a Veterinary Technician. We are searching for a team-oriented candidate that is positive, motivated and engaging. In addition, we are looking for someone who will enthusiastically represent Brevard Zoo in all aspects of the job. The Veterinary Programs team consists of its Director, Staff Veterinarian, Veterinary Intern, Veterinary Technician, Veterinary Resource Manager, Animal Nutrition Technicians, Sea Turtle Program Manager and Sea Turtle Program Coordinator.

**Responsibilities:**

- Prepares for, assists with and monitors anesthesia.
- Prepares for and assists with medical and surgical procedures, including phlebotomy, other sample collection and diagnostic imaging.
- Assists Zoo veterinarians with triage of medical cases presented to the hospital.
- Performs laboratory diagnostic evaluation, including hematology, blood chemistry, cytology and fecal parasite examinations. Also prepares biomedical samples for shipment to off-site laboratories or investigators.
- Assists with administration of medication and treatments for animals, including restraint, wound care and laser therapy.
- Assists in euthanasia and necropsy examination of animals.
- Fills and organizes medical prescriptions and maintains pharmacy supplies and drug inventory.
- Assists with animal husbandry needs for hospitalized patients.
- Performs data entry and maintains complete and current applicable medical records using ZIMS record keeping system.
- Maintains standards and cleanliness of laboratory; cleans, stocks and maintains equipment and supplies for radiology, treatment and surgical suites including sterilization procedures.

- Organizes hospital and laboratory workflow to maximize operational efficiency, including investigating new medical equipment or laboratory protocols.
- Supervises and participates in the overall care and maintenance of medical, surgical and animal holding areas to ensure animal health and safety and staff safety through standard operating procedures for animal care as set forth by AZA, USDA, DEA, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Florida Department of Health and Brevard Zoo.
- Instructs a variety of veterinary and veterinary technology students, interns and volunteers.
- Handles multiple and complex responsibilities at the same time; is timely and reliable in attendance and performance; and can work well with all levels of staff, volunteers, vendors and guests.
- Assists in research and special maintenance projects, education and training programs, tours and other duties as requested.

#### **Requirements:**

- A veterinary technology degree from an AVMA-accredited program and the ability to be certified in the state of Florida within 90 days of hire.
- Ability to obtain a Florida driver's license within 90 days of hire.
- A minimum of one year of clinical experience in a zoological facility, preferably one that is accredited by the AZA.
- 3-5 years of professional work experience, preferably with non-domestic species.
- A strong background in performing in-house laboratory testing (e.g. hematology, serum chemistry, cytology, urinalysis, parasitological exams), anesthetic monitoring and equipment maintenance.
- Experience in avian and reptile hematology is preferred.
- A working knowledge of ZIMS computer medical record keeping system and Microsoft Office products is beneficial.
- Ability to react calmly and objectively in emergency situations and under adverse conditions.
- Ability to take initiative and work independently in the absence of immediate supervision.
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- Ability to maintain a professional and respectful demeanor at all times.

#### **Benefits:**

Brevard Zoo offers a comprehensive benefits package that includes paid sick/vacation time, local tourist attraction discounts and Zoo membership. Also includes health, dental and vision insurance as well as a retirement plan.

**Apply Now:**

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to [hr@brevardzoo.org](mailto:hr@brevardzoo.org) or mail to:

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