

JOB DESCRIPTION: Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT)

DEFINITION

Under direct supervision of the Director of Medical Services, cares for the animals under the care of the Veterinary Services Department, assists with treatment or surgery of animals and maintains Veterinary Services facility and equipment.

DUTIES

- Observes animals in shelter for signs of illness or injury and reports these to Veterinarian.
- Prepares animals for treatment or surgery and assists veterinarian during treatment or while in surgery
- Intake and release of privately owned animals entering shelter for veterinary care.
- Euthanasia of animals.
- Provide food and water for animals under veterinary care
- Cleans and disinfects animal enclosures and feed bowls.
- Maintenance and cleaning of all veterinary services facilities.
- IV catheter placement and monitoring, venipuncture, critical care
- Intubation of animals

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS/EXAMINATIONS

- Must be licensed by the State of California as a Registered Veterinary Technician
- High school diploma or G.E.D.
- No felony convictions or convictions of driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Valid California Drivers License or the ability to obtain one, and a good driving record.
- Ability to pass a specified written test with a minimum score of 70% or better.
- Must pass a pre-employment physical and drug screen.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

- Symptoms of common diseases of dogs and cats.
- Proper methods of safely handling and restraining a wide variety of animals including fractious animals
- Ability to hand and restrain fractious animals
- Animal breeds
- Animal nutritional needs.

PHYSICAL CLASSIFICATIONS/ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Ability of lift 50 pounds as demonstrated by a challenge test.
- Extensive direct handling, carrying and restraining of animals, both large and small and carrying of supplies and equipment.
- Extensive stooping, bending and carrying.
- Ability to work independently when needed
- Communicate effectively with public, staff and city contacts in person and by telephone.
- Compose, prepare and read typewritten or handwritten documents.
- Manual dexterity sufficient for handwritten records and for computer entry.
- Must be able to tolerate loud animal noises and odors.
- Endurance sufficient for standing and walking during entire duty shift.