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position:
Clinic Veterinary Technician

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Spokane Humane Society is an animal welfare non-profit agency whose mission is supported 100% by donations from the community. For 125 years, we have provided program services for the Inland Northwest is shelter care and medicine.

Essential Duties:

- General animal care, handling, and restraint
- Prepping patients for surgery; monitoring surgery and recovery
- Medicating hospital patients
- Facilitating appointments with doctors for staff/foster/public patients
- Client communications at our public vaccination and microchip clinic.
- Sanitizing, cleaning of kennels, instruments, floors, laundry and dishes per standard protocol
- Taking and recording vital signs and weights
- Drawing blood
- collection of stool sample
- collecting, recording and maintaining animal's medical histories
- appropriate methods of restraining animals
- Trimming of nails
- Feeding and walking animals
- Removing sutures
- Cleaning wounds and changing dressings
- Feeding and walking animals

Schedule:

- 10 or 8 hour shifts available, day shift
- Monday - Friday, some Saturdays

Benefits:

- Compensation is based on experience and skill level
- Paid medical
- Dental, vision, and life insurance
- Simple IRA
- Paid time off
- Employee Assistance Program
- Paid continuing education credits

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Qualifications and Position Requirements:

- Able to lift 50 lbs unassisted
- Prior animal welfare experience preferred
- Able to stand long-periods
- Appropriately handle and restrain animals
- Understand and carry out oral and written communication
- Administer cleaning and disinfecting methods and the use and care of cleaning materials and equipment
- Knowledge of veterinary terminology and recognize abnormal animal conditions
- ability to work in environment that provides animal welfare care to community members who are on the financial margins and lower socie-economic status
- Positive outlook and ability to work in a collaborative environment
- Passion for providing the highest, board approved, quality care in shelter medicine
- Excellent communication and organization skills, and the ability to deliver exceptional client service is required
- Uphold all safety policies of agency

Sufficient experience and education to successfully perform the duties of the Animal Health Technician. Knowledge of techniques for properly handling and caring for animals; state and local laws and ordinances relating to the proper treatment and sheltering of animals; basic medical protocols for the treatment of animals; principles of supervision; basic understanding of pharmaceuticals commonly used in the treatment of animals; proper methods to restrain animals .A typical way of obtaining the required qualifications is to have the equivalent of two years' progressively responsible experience performing routine medical tasks in an animal shelter or veterinary office or possessing a certificate as a Registered Veterinarian Technician. Work in an animal clinic environment. The incumbent is subject to the threat of exposure to rabies, viruses, and to toxic substances such as disinfectants, pesticides and corrosive cleaners. Position requires prolonged sitting, standing, walking, reaching, twisting, turning, kneeling, bending, squatting, and stooping in the performance of daily activities. Ability to lift up to 50 pounds and with assistance to restrain wild cats and dogs weighing up to 150 pounds.

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