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### **Summary**

The Veterinary Technician Specialist (Anesthesia) is responsible for assisting the veterinary anesthesiologists. This individual must be well versed on the essentials of wellness care. This position reports to the Veterinary Technician Supervisor at the Animal Health Institute.

### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

- Perform duties related to certified specialty area (anesthesia)
- Assist with training of clinical anesthesia
- Be familiar and able to act on all duties as assigned to a Veterinary Technician position including but not limited to, anesthesia recordkeeping, patient care and setting up anesthesia equipment for small and large animals, catheter placement, intubation, advanced anesthesia monitoring, local and regional blocks, CRI management, and arterial catheters
- Organize daily schedules
- Review anesthetic protocols
- Monitor anesthetized patients including performing pain assessment
- Calculate and administer medications and fluid therapy
- Process laundry/linen as needed to always assure adequate and neat supply.
- Assist in the sterilization department as needed
- Assist veterinarians in running of routine lab samples.
- Act as patient advocate
- Follow protocols in working with patients with infectious diseases
- Maintain equipment and inventory
- Assist in instructional support of students in conjunction with the faculty during discussions and labs
- Mentor students on induction, maintenance, and recovery of anesthesia
- Train students, new technicians, and visitors on principles of anesthesia
- Troubleshoot anesthesia related complications
- Other duties as assigned

### **Qualifications**

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. This individual must have the ability to work in a constant state of alertness and safe manner and must have regular, predictable, in-person attendance. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

### **Other Qualifications**

- The position requires strict compliance with all policies and procedures.
- This position requires a significant amount of interaction with the most areas of the Companion Animal Clinic and Equine Bovine Center, therefore, the individual must be able to develop positive rapport effectively.
- This position may require some early morning, evening and occasional after hours.
- Must be capable of working in an animal healthcare environment which typically involves sick and injured animals along with animal products and wastes including feces, urine, blood, vomit, and other body fluids. Must be willing and able to handle and/or transport deceased animals and animal parts as well as collect and transfer bio-hazardous waste.
- Must exhibit excellent customer service skills and demonstrate respect at all levels of interaction.

### **General Knowledge**

- Know the range of services the practice provides and the species it serves.

- Be reasonably familiar with anesthesia drugs and monitoring equipment.
- Follow OSHA standards. Be able to find Safety Data Sheets quickly.
- Know and use standard medical and business abbreviations.
- Use proper medical terminology and spelling when speaking and writing.
- Be familiar with infectious diseases, including their prevention and steps to reduce or eliminate transmission. Know the most common zoonotic diseases (infections from animals to humans).

### **Education and/or Experience**

High School diploma or GED is required. Must have a minimum of 5-8 years of experience working in an animal hospital or veterinary clinic setting. VTS-Anesthesia and Analgesia (Veterinary Technician Specialist in Anesthesia and Analgesia) and CVT or equivalent (LVT or RVT) required. This position requires working in a team environment with a high focus on internal customer service with the ability to maintain a professional demeanor in a fast-paced environment. Detail oriented with the ability to promote a welcoming atmosphere is essential. The ability to speak Spanish will be considered an asset. Strong interest in teaching is essential.

### **Supervisory Responsibilities**

This position currently has no supervisory responsibilities.

### **Computer Skills**

The individual must have the ability to learn the StringSoft Veterinary Management system, and have basic proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel, Outlook).

### **Language Skills**

Intermediate skills: Ability to read and interpret written documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions and procedure manuals. Ability to write routine reports and correspondence. Ability to speak effectively before groups of customers or employees of organization.

### **Reasoning Ability**

Intermediate skills: Ability to apply common sense understanding to carry out detailed but uninvolved written or oral instructions.

### **Mathematical Ability**

Basic skills: Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide all units of measure using whole numbers, common fractions, and decimals. Ability to compute drug dosages, fluid rates, dilutions and ratios.

### **Physical Demands**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to stand or sit for long periods. The employee must regularly use hands to handle or feel and reach with hands and arms. The employee is required to stand and walk. Have the physical strength and ability to stand for long periods, and be able to regularly lift pets and objects weighing up to 40 pounds

**Animal allergies statement:** No inhibiting allergies to animals, hay, or dust.

### **Work Environment**

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

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