Veterinary Technician

The Fresno Chaffee Zoo inspires wonder of our natural world, provides an engaging learning environment, and instills a passion for conservation. Serving the central San Joaquin Valley, the Zoo is committed to sustaining professional active participation in wildlife conservation, research and education. A proud recipient of the AZA Top Honor Exhibit Award, the Zoo is committed to providing our local communities and the AZA community exhibits and programs both can be proud of.

November 4th, 2014 marked an important day for Fresno County as its residents voted to continue to financially support the Zoo through the approval of Measure Z. This measure provides Fresno Chaffee Zoo with financial security that empowers it to continue to offer incredible experiences for guests while providing excellent animal care, and a challenging yet fulfilling working environment.

Our newest exhibit, African Adventure, has resulted in over 1,000,000 visitors since opening in October of 2015. This spectacular mixed species exhibit allows our guests to experience the savannahs of Africa including a panoramic view of multiple savannahs and a beautiful African Lodge.

Fresno Chaffee Zoo is searching for a knowledgeable, outgoing and guest-oriented Veterinary Technician. This position is full-time, regular, and benefited. The Veterinary Technician must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays. At Fresno Chaffee Zoo, it is critical to have a strong focus on guest service. Our employees' positive interactions with guests create the unforgettable guest experiences that keep patrons coming back. If you match this description, apply as directed below.

Responsibilities
Under the direction of the Hospital Manager, the Veterinary Technician assists the staff and veterinarians with the health care of the animal collection and oversees laboratory and clinic use, care, maintenance, cleanliness, preparedness, drug inventory and other duties as instructed by the office manager and veterinarians. Duties include assisting with treatments, surgery and anesthesia monitoring, immobilizations, necropsies, digital radiography, and laboratory procedures (parasitology, hematology, serum chemistry, cytology, serum banking, preparing samples for shipping to reference and specialty labs).

Education/Experience
A degree from an AVMA accredited Veterinary Technology program, and at least two years of clinical experience, preferably in a zoological setting. California RVT status is required within 6 months of hire. Valid California driver's license, negative TB test.

Physical Requirements
Good physical condition: ability to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. (i.e. feed sack) and move a minimum of 100 lbs. (i.e. hay bale). While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand; walk and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. Vision capabilities required include close, distance and peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus. Evaluating animal health, diet, or environment requires hearing and smell. Interaction with guests and animals requires talking and hearing. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally exposed to wet or humid conditions (non-weather) and outdoor weather conditions. The employee is occasionally in direct contact with exotic animals and is occasionally exposed to work near moving mechanical parts; work in high, precarious places. The noise level in the work environment varies. Occasional loud noises from visitors, animals or equipment are experienced.

If you have the desire and skills needed to help create an all-around dynamic experience at Fresno Chaffee Zoo, apply no later than **April 30, 2017** as directed below.

Please submit resume to careers@fresnochaffeezoo.org or mail to: Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation, 894 W Belmont Ave. Fresno, CA 93728. Applicants can visit www.fresnochaffeezoo.org to apply online.

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