

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN JOB DESCRIPTION

Obtain histories from clients in the examination rooms and assist the veterinarians when conducting patient examinations

Restrain all species (exotic, avian, dog/cat) and be able to observe the behavior and condition of animals and monitor their clinical symptoms

Prepare and administer medications, vaccines, or treatments, as prescribed by veterinarians

Fill prescriptions, measuring medications and labeling containers

Collect, prepare, and label samples for laboratory testing, culture, or microscopic examination

Perform laboratory tests on blood, urine, or feces, such as urinalysis, blood counts, blood chemistries, on all species (exotic, avian, dog/cat)

Take and develop diagnostic radiographs using x-ray equipment

Place intravenous catheters and administer anesthesia to animals, under the direction of a veterinarian, and monitor animals' responses to sedatives and anesthetics so that dosages can be adjusted

Capable of assisting veterinarian in surgery

Capable of performing dental cleaning and polishing as well as taking and developing dental radiographs

Care for and monitor animals recovering from surgery

Clean/sterilize instruments and maintain equipment

Maintain controlled drug inventory and related log books

Administer emergency first aid, including endotracheal intubation, IV catheter placement, and CPR