

**The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore
Intern Position Description**

Title: Veterinary Technician Intern

Department: Hospital Department

Summary: The Maryland Zoo veterinary team is responsible for the medical care of the Zoo's animal collection. Healthy Zoo animals are vital to the Zoo's mission of conservation, research, education, and recreation. Vet Tech Interns help the Zoo achieve its mission by offering support to Zoo vets and vet techs and assisting keepers as they care for animals and their environments. Daily tasks include assisting with exams and procedures, cleaning of hospital, inventory maintenance, observation and documentation, and enrichment and training are important to the health and well-being of the animals. Interns will gain insight into the operations of a zoo veterinary hospital through training, shadowing and hands-on experiences.

Qualifications:

- Minimum age 18;
- Must provide proof of current tetanus vaccination and recent negative TB test;
- Must be enrolled in or a recent graduate of an accredited vet tech program;
- Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds, and work on feet for up to four hours;
- Must be comfortable with live animals, confined spaces, and strong smells;
- Must be comfortable working in all weather conditions and tolerance of strong odors, hay, straw, dust or dander

Time Commitment: Interns must be able to volunteer full-days at least once a week Mondays through Sundays, Minimum of 75 hours, maximum of 400 hours, within a chosen semester.

Opportunities: The Hospital Department can offer up to one internship position per session.

Training: Volunteer Orientation (2 hours); Observing, shadowing and on-the-job.