

The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore Volunteer/Intern Position Description

Position Title: Vet Tech Intern

Department: Hospital

Supervised By: Veterinary Technician

Dates: Spring 2024 (February-May) Summer 2024 (May-August)

Time Commitment: Interns must be able to volunteer 8 hour days at least three days a week. Mondays through Sundays, minimum of 140 hours, maximum of 400 hours, within a chosen semester. Interns may be expected to work additional hours or weekends as needed.

Overview: 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. Interns will gain insight into the operations of a zoo veterinary hospital through training, shadowing and hands-on experiences. **Internships are unpaid, and there is no reimbursement for transportation or housing.**

Responsibilities:

- Assist veterinary staff with routine exams and emergency procedures, lab work, hospital maintenance, routine treatments, care of hospitalized patients, and a case study presentation.
- Other duties may include animal observation and assisting hospital keepers.

Qualifications:

- Minimum age 18;
- Must provide proof of current tetanus vaccination and recent negative TB test;
- Must provide proof of current COVID 19 vaccination status;
- Rabies vaccination is not required but recommended;
- 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; and
- Must be comfortable working in all weather conditions and tolerance of strong odors, hay, straw, dust or dander.

Training: All interns must complete Volunteer Orientation (2 hours) and a Self-Guided Tour. Observing, shadowing and on-the-job.

Benefits:

- The opportunity to learn in an AZA accredited facility.
- Hands-on experience, experiential learning and mentoring by our staff.
- Maryland Zoo Internships may be applied to receive college credit in accordance with your school's policy.
- Free Zoo admission, discount on purchases in Zoo gift shops, and volunteer newsletter with wildlife news and Maryland Zoo happenings.