



## Job Posting Internal

**Position:** Veterinary Technician I (AMD)

**Hours:** Full-time; 40 Hours/Week

Tuesday-Saturday 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Department:** Animal Medical

**Status:** Non-exempt

**Posting Dates:** Until Filled

**If interested please complete an internal application and return to Human Resources**

### Principal Duties:

- Perform medication rounds for shelter animals
  - Administer prescribed pain medications, antibiotics, antiparasitics and vaccines
  - Relieve animal suffering and comfort the sick
  - Provide supplemental feeding to puppies and kittens too young for adoption
  - Assist NHS veterinarians in disease surveillance
- Collect specimens and perform diagnostics as prescribed by NHS veterinarians
  - Digital radiographs
  - Fecal exams by centrifugation
  - Skin scrapes and cytology
  - In-house CBC and chemistry panels
  - DTMs, Wood's Lamp and trichograms
  - Heartworm, FeLV and FIV tests
  - UAs
  - Parvo tests
  - Submit various diagnostics to off-site laboratories
- Provide enrichment and stress reduction for animals through humane handling
- Perform medical rounds with NHS veterinarians
  - Ensure prompt and accurate medical record updates
  - Assist in examination of shelter animals
- Administer pre-medication, induce anesthesia and intubate surgical patients
- Direct other staff and volunteers on a rotational basis as lead anesthetist
- Monitor anesthetized patients
- Assist in animal emergency triage and resuscitation
- Place IV catheters
- Prepare animals for surgery
- Perform dental cleaning and non-surgical extraction as allowed for by state regulations
- Recover anesthesia patients with the assistance of trained volunteers
- Handle and record controlled substances for large volumes of surgical patients
- Assist in training new staff members, department volunteers, veterinary students and interns
- Collaborate with personnel from other NHS departments
- Perform safe and humane euthanasia when necessary on a limited basis in AMD
- Act as a resource for adopters answering pre and post adoption medical questions
- Maintain clean treatment, housing and examination areas
- Periodically review, provide input and adhere to Animal Medical Department and shelter protocols
- Assist in the cleaning and sterilization of surgical equipment
- Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the Director of Shelter Operations or veterinarian

### **Physical Requirements:**

- Use of all extremities
- Ability to lift 50 pounds
- Ability to bend and kneel repeatedly
- Ability to work while standing, sitting and kneeling
- Good vision for detailed work
- Good coordination, range of motion, balance and agility
- Ability to use computer
- Ability to work around animals without allergic reactions
- Ability to safely handle animals serviced at NHS (primarily cats, dogs, pocket pets and small hoofstock)

### **Educational and License Requirements:**

- Must have a minimum two year, Associate of Applied Science Degree in Veterinary Technology from an accredited program
- Must be a licensed Veterinary Technician in the state of Nebraska

### **Experience, Abilities, and Other**

#### **Qualifications:**

- Affection for animals, concern for their welfare, and a willingness to accommodate animals in the workplace.
- Willingness to work as a team and promote a positive work atmosphere
- Must exercise respect for fellow employees, management, and volunteers at all times
- Be comfortable working with a culturally diverse staff and community
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Ability to exercise independent judgment
- Two years practical experience
- Ability to clearly communicate verbally and in writing
- Must be computer literate in Microsoft Office 2010 or higher