

# Friends of Oakland Animal Services

Job Title:	Registered Veterinarian Technician
General Purpose:	Under general supervision, assists in providing paraprofessional medical care and treatment to the animals; monitors the general health of the animal population; administers emergency first aid treatment, assists with surgery and medical examinations/treatment and follow-up care to animals in need; and performs related duties as assigned.
Location:	Oakland Animal Services 1101 29 <sup>th</sup> Ave Oakland, CA 94601
Job Classification:	Part time, hourly, non-exempt position
Reports to:	FOAS Board of Directors for employment matters  OAS Director or his/her designee for daily job operational needs
To Apply:	Please email resume and cover letter to info@oaklandsanimals.org
Job Description	

### **Job Duties and Responsibilities**

- Monitor health of all animals; follow up on health observation report by staff and volunteers; prioritize and advise the Veterinarian regarding animals that need further medical care.
- Ensure that all shelter animals are medicated following strict instructions and that treatments are recorded accurately.
- Maintain inventory of all medications, vaccines, medical supplies in accordance with Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) regulations; reorder supplies as necessary.
- Assist with the euthanasia of animals.
- May ensure animals in adoption are properly vaccinated and receive their pre-adoption examination,
   either directly or by coordinating the protocol with volunteers or other staff
- Assist Veterinarian with surgery, including administering anesthesia and using controlled substances for patient care and prepare autoclave and surgery packs.
- Follow-up on all animals sent for emergency medical treatment; assist with selecting shelter animals for transfer to offsite clinics for spay/neuter procedures and other surgeries; perform follow-up for these animals
- Ensure surgery, vet, and grooming rooms are clean and organized.
- Assist in the identification of possible disease outbreaks using appropriate diagnostic testing and work with the Veterinarian and other staff to treat the animals and take appropriate preventive action.
- Coordinate all veterinary care of foster animals.
- Assist with organizing and coordinating medical volunteer staff.
- Other duties as assigned.

## **Minimum Qualifications and Education Requirements**

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Must be a Licensed Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) in the State of California, in good standing.
- Experience working in an animal shelter, clinic, veterinary hospital or kennel under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.



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### **Desirable Experience**

- Six (6) months of experience working or volunteering with an animal care, rescue, or shelter organization.
- Experience with animal shelter medicine and management.
- Experience with high quality/high volume spay/neuter procedures.

#### Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Ability to perform all job duties and responsibilities listed above.
- Knowledge of veterinary medicine and disease.
- Knowledge of medical treatment for a wide range of animals including domestic, livestock, wildlife, and under aged animals.
- Knowledge of safe work practices.
- Knowledge of federal guidelines related to controlled substances.
- Commitment to the mission, goals and success of Oakland Animal Services
- Ability to establish and maintain effective and cooperative working relations with the public and other employees.
- Flexibility, adaptability, aptitude for effectively prioritizing multiple tasks and a strong work ethic
- Ability to lift, handle, and examine a wide range of animals
- Ability to lift over 50 pounds.

## **Working Conditions**

- Primary work location in an animal shelter environment
- Exposure to loud noises in the kennel areas
- Potential for exposure to animal feces, blood, and zoonotic diseases
- Potential for exposure to animal bites and scratches
- Must be able to work a flexible schedule which may include evenings and weekends
- Must be able to tolerate the emotional aspect of work in an animal shelter environment, including the use of euthanasia

#### Compensation

• \$18 - \$20 / hour DOE