Who We Are

We are an independent academically focused nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the survival and quality of life for people with cardiovascular disease through research and education. We are currently seeking a talented and innovative Veterinary/Lab Animal Technician to join our team in Northern NJ/Southern NY.

Veterinary Technician

Under general supervision, the Veterinary Technician is responsible for observing, reporting and monitoring the health and comfort of animals. Provides for the care of laboratory animals in a humane, safe and sanitary manner.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provides for the care of laboratory animals in a humane, safe and sanitary manner using appropriate equipment and established procedures
- Observes animals for clinical signs of diseases and behavioral changes and reports observations to Manager, Animal Care
- Performs routine laboratory tests
- Provides animal restraint for examination and anesthesia induction
- Communicates any animal health issues with Manager, Animal Care or DVM
- Assists in the preparation of animals for invasive and/or interventional procedures
- Accurately maintains all necessary records to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations, including animal treatments, drug logs and other records as needed
- Cleans, maintains, and sterilizes instruments and equipment
- Cleans and maintains assigned areas of lab by assisting Animal Care Technician as needed
- Coordinates inventory with other staff members
- Induces and maintains anesthesia, monitors physiologic status and takes appropriate action for animals on acute or chronic studies
- Attends in house training programs to advance knowledge of laboratory animal science and workplace safety
- Additional duties as assigned.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN GLP STUDIES

- Participates in the entire scope of veterinary care and husbandry.
- Participates in animal procurement, receipt, placement and moving within the facility, as well as to and from the off-site housing as directed by the Manager, Animal Care.
- Participates in the sanitization of the vivarium as directed by the Manager, Animal Care.
- Prepares and anesthetizes animals for the procedures, monitors them during the procedures and recovers them from anesthesia.
- Dispenses medications to study animals.
- Performs minor surgical interventions e. g. arterial access and closure.
- Assesses health status for recording purposes and for making diagnostic and therapeutic decisions by the veterinary staff.
- Makes entries in and reviews animal-related documentation and records.
- Performs blood and other analytical tests necessary to assess the animal health, including but not limited to, arterial blood gases and ACT.
- Reports issues with the equipment in the area of animal care to supervisors.
- Documents any circumstance that may affect the quality and integrity of the study when they occur.
- Reports any health or medical condition that may adversely affect a study to supervisor.
QUALIFICATIONS
➢ AS degree in Veterinary Technology or a related field required, BS/BA degree in life sciences preferred
➢ AALAS certification at the ALAT or LAT level preferred
➢ 1-2 years animal experience preferred
➢ Ability to perform heavy repetitive lifting and moving of animals and equipment on a daily basis
➢ Ability to be alert and observe changes in the surrounding environment
➢ Ability to conform to and follow established policies and procedures
➢ Strong focus on flexibility, ability to multi-task, attention to detail, excellent organizational skills, good follow-up and judgment. Must be able to prioritize.
➢ Must possess excellent communication skills, patience, professionalism and ability to effectively interact with staff and management alike
➢ Ability to analyze complex information and solve problems relating to the proper care of laboratory animals

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT
The employee is occasionally required to lift up to 100 pounds, along with members of his/her team.

Weekend and holiday coverage, as scheduled on a rotating basis.

Must not be allergic to animals, latex rubber, waste products, cleaning reagents, feed or bedding.

The work environment is an indoor, climate-controlled Vivarium. The noise level in certain animal areas can be above normal. There are hazards, and protective gear may be required to be worn or used.


Contact Information:
To be considered for this opportunity, please submit your resume, including salary requirements and availability to apeppas@crf.org.

Please reference job title "Vet Technician I" in the email subject line.

CRF is an equal opportunity employer.