

Edmonton Valley Zoo Relief / Locum Veterinary Services Opportunity

Edmonton Valley Zoo requires professional veterinary services in support of the animal health program at the Edmonton Valley Zoo when our permanent veterinarian is on extended leave, vacation or to provide support during some busy, high demand seasons.

Availability

- A qualified veterinarian is required to provide provide full time coverage during an extended leave which is anticipated between April and October of 2023 (up to 6 months)
- Up to 6 additional coverage opportunities of up to 3 weeks each occasion will be available each year.
- The above coverage opportunities may not necessarily be provided by the same individual.

Work Description

BASIC FUNCTIONS:

To help manage all aspects of health of the animals at the Edmonton Valley Zoo

PRIMARY JOB DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work with the veterinary and animal care staff to implement a preventive medicine program that includes quarantine, health exams, disease monitoring, parasite control, vaccinations, tuberculin testing, dental prophylaxis, and nutrition.
- Diagnose illness and injury in collection animals and provide appropriate treatment.
- Perform pre-shipment examinations and quarantine entrance exams on animals leaving or entering the collection.
- Perform gross necropsies and collect samples for histopathology, prepare necropsy reports and analyze findings, formulate recommendations for preventive care.
- Provide emergency coverage on weekends and holidays.
- Collaborate with colleagues and local veterinary and medical specialists on clinical cases as needed.
- Prepare and maintain all required records, ensuring accuracy and completeness.
- Support research efforts by collecting samples and by gathering and submitting data as required.
- Participate in dialogue with the Operations Supervisor and Animal Care staff about animal care and welfare, nutrition, breeding, husbandry, and housing.
- Participate in maintaining standards and regulations of the ABVMA, CFIA, CAZA and other regulatory agencies and associations as they apply to zoological institutions and veterinary programs/facilities.

- Participate on the Valley Zoo's institutional Animal Care Committee to protect the welfare of animals at the Edmonton Valley Zoo.
- Ensure compliance with local, provincial, and federal laws and regulations relating to animal care, transport, treatment, and the handling of controlled substances.
- Teach and mentor visiting veterinary students as needed.
- Remain current on Continuing Education requirements.
- Occasionally interact with guests, donors, and the media.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Requirements

POSITION REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required:

- Knowledge and expertise of clinical veterinary medicine disciplines and the ability to perform diagnosis, treatment, nutritional analysis, and surgical procedures for the care of exotic and domestic animals.
- A strong understanding of the comparative physiology of disease and an ability to apply these principles to diagnosing and treating illness in exotic and domestic animals and determine the best course of treatment.
- Ability to research and develop innovative approaches for animal health and nutrition issues.
- Advanced management, technical or scientific skill related to the care of exotic animals.
- Must demonstrate initiative, imagination and creativity related to animal care.

CREDENTIALS

- DVM or VMD or equivalent from an accredited School of Veterinary
- License to practice veterinary medicine in the province of Alberta within 3-months of hire date.
- CFIA accreditation to certify health for interstate and international transport of animals.
- Must obtain a valid Alberta driver's license.

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of 3 years post-DVM experience in the field of zoological medicine; or 5 years post-DVM in general veterinary medicine, preferably with mixed and/or exotic animal experience.

Instruction to Interested Professionals

- ***If you are interested in either one of these coverage opportunities, please email: Gary Dewar, (Director, Edmonton Valley Zoo) gary.dewar@edmonton.ca by February 5th, 2023.***
- Please indicate if you are available to cover the extended leave (April to October of 2023) and/or other occasional weeks between now and the end of 2024.
- Please include your CV.