

# VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

A veterinary technician works alongside a veterinarian to care for animals and assist in procedures such as physical exams, dental procedures, spaying and neutering, immunizations, and euthanasia. They communicate with the veterinarian about the progress of animal treatments and recovery and also document for each specific animal treated.

## WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Provide health care for pets, livestock, zoo, sporting and or laboratory animals
- Examine animals to determine nature of illness or injury
- Perform laboratory tests such as urinalysis and blood counts
- Expose and develop x rays and radiographs
- Treat injuries for pets and or farm animals
- Assist veterinarian in treatments and surgeries
- Advise animal owners of animal care and feeding
- Responsible for ensuring sanitary measures before, during and after all procedures
- Operate medical equipment
- Stock and maintain medicines and supplies
- Euthanize animals when necessary
- Provide prevention care to maintain animal health
- Communicate with the veterinarian about the progress of animal treatments and recovery
- Document for each specific animal treated



## WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

An Associate's degree in veterinary technology or animal science; more research-based positions may require a bachelor's degree

## THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, animal science, anatomy, biology, chemistry, physical science, mathematics

## TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Veterinary clinics, university research farms, diagnostic laboratories, zoos, animal control facilities, wildlife preserves

## FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



## SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- American Association for Laboratory Animal Science
- North American Veterinary Technician Association
- American Veterinary Medical Association

## AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$31,000