



ANIMAL CARE TECHNICIAN

Position Type: Part Time (~20 hrs/week, Sun-Sat)

Starting Pay: \$15.55/hr

Supervisor: Animal Care PICs

Typical Shift Hours: Either 8am-12pm or 12pm-6pm, or ability to work a full 8am-6pm shift

JOB DESCRIPTION

Summary:

Animal care technicians perform all duties involved in animals' daily care and facilitate interactions with the public.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Perform cleaning and care in accordance with established procedures and training protocol.
- Willingly assist the public in all aspects of shelter programs.
- Share information to enhance the public's knowledge of animal welfare and SafeHaven Humane Society's mission and program.
- Perform all kennel duties in accordance with established procedures and training levels.
- Clean and disinfect kennel and cage areas, exam areas, showing areas, and other animal care areas according to procedures. Maintain cleanliness standards throughout the day.
- Feed, water, medicate and exercise animals as required for their well-being. Wash dishes, perform laundry tasks, restock animal areas with supplies, and perform other activities involved with the keeping of animals.
- Assist in the adoption process by showing dogs, explaining adoption procedures, discussing adoption concerns, and providing printed information.
- Assist with dog-to-dog introductions and escorting customers through the lost and found process.
- Process incoming animals, making assessments and recommendations regarding health, behavior, and adaptability at intake and conducting ongoing health checks.
- Assist in maintaining the accuracy of animal identification records in the animal care areas.

- Monitor and record drug usage and ensure proper storage, handling, and medicating.
- If authorized to drive company vehicles, may be required to take/pick up animals at vet clinics, residences, or other places to be determined.
- Assist in maintaining the order and cleanliness of the shelter facility and grounds.
- May also be required to perform other duties as assigned by the Shelter Manager or Executive Director.
- The ideal candidate will have experience in Shelter work.
- Must thrive in a busy environment and exemplify high care to shelter guests.
- Unload and assist with incoming transports of dogs as needed.

Requirements:

- Must have a basic working knowledge of animal care requirements.

Competencies:

- Will have regular contact with other shelter employees and volunteers from all departments.
- Will have regular and ongoing contact with the public during their visits to the shelter.
- May work with area veterinary clinics, animal control officers, and other agencies.
- Contact with others will require tactful exchanges and a professional demeanor.
- Must be able to communicate with the public in a positive, educational manner and have the ability to work cooperatively with people, regardless of the context of the situation.
- Must have demonstrated safe working habits for self, the animals, and the public.
- Preferred candidates will have experience with dog training and/or behavior modification.
- Must be able to work holidays and weekends as assigned, meet the physical requirements of the job, and be bondable.
- Candidates must have a valid Oregon driver's license and be insurable through SafeHaven Humane Society's company Insurance policy.
- Preferred candidates will have knowledge of healthcare, behavior, breeds, and control of handling dogs, cats, and other animals.
- Candidates will also understand and recognize common diseases and have considerable knowledge of safe procedures for handling animals.

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