



Shelter Veterinarian

Job Classification: Exempt, Part-time

Work Schedule: Open

Reporting Relationship: Lead Shelter Veterinarian

JOB DESCRIPTION

Primary Accountability:

The Shelter Veterinarian will be responsible for overseeing SafeHaven Humane Society's onsite veterinary clinic, providing leadership, direction, and supervision to all members of the clinic staff and working closely with other directors of the organization. Due to the nature of the shelter setting, availability for consult and emergencies outside of working hours will be necessary.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

- Ability to perform approximately 20 spay/neuter surgeries per-day. Ability to perform other surgeries, dentals as needed.
- Ensures all animals receive appropriate and timely medical care. Works closely with other departments to make sure all animals' medical needs are met; prescribes medications as needed.
- Practices high quality shelter medicine; an emphasis is placed on problem solving through physical examinations and use of in house diagnostics when possible.
- Maintains detailed medical records in Pet Point; enters medical notes in a timely manner.
- Communicates with fosters, volunteers, and potential adopters when necessary.
- Assesses the quality of life of shelter patients and performs medical euthanasias when necessary.
- Provides input on behavioral euthanasia decisions and performs behavioral euthanasia when necessary.
- Participates in community outreach events such as wellness clinics, microchip clinics, and public spay/neuter clinics.
- Delegates select administrative and Veterinary Assistant. duties, as needed, to CVT's and Veterinary Assistants.
- Other duties as assigned by the Executive Director.

Qualifications:

Currently licensed in the state of Oregon to practice veterinary medicine. A Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M. or V.M.D.) degree from an accredited college of veterinary medicine. Must be qualified and eligible to obtain DEA license. Experience in shelter medicine with high volume sterilization preferred. Must possess a valid Driver's License.

Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to work individually and in a team environment.
- Ability to safely handle animals declared vicious, on bite quarantines or stray.
- Ability to handle and deal with animals that have been abused, neglected or treated cruelly.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Ability to work efficiently with attention to detail.
- Ability to exercise good judgment, set priorities and organize work load.
- Willingness to lead and offer direction.

Physical Demands:

- Ability to frequently stand, walk, sit, talk, stoop, bend, squat or kneel.
- Ability to safely push, pull, and lift up to 50 pounds.
- Ability to physically handle and restrain domestic animals.
- Ability to read computer screens, email and to communicate effectively.

Work Environment:

- Interaction with staff and customers.
- Potential exposure to parasites and infectious diseases that may be carried and transmitted by animals.

Additional Duties: Additional duties and responsibilities may be added to this job description at any time. The job description does not state or imply that these are the only activities to be performed by the employee(s) holding this position. Employees are required to follow any other job-related instructions and to perform any other job-related responsibilities as requested by their supervisor.

Signatures:

This job description has been approved by all levels of management:

Executive Director _____

HR _____

Employee signature below constitutes employee's understanding of the requirements, essential functions and duties of the position.

Employee _____ Date _____