

## VETERINARY TECHNICIAN INTERNSHIP AT WHITE OAK



White Oak conserves and sustains some of the earth's rarest species through innovative training, research, education, breeding and field programs that contribute to the survival of wildlife in nature. White Oak Conservation is a progressive private AZA certified facility with approximately 500 individual animals representing 30 unique and imperiled exotic species. The conservation programs span 700 acres along the St. Marys River in northeast Florida, surrounded by 17,000 acres of mixed forest and wetlands that make up the beautiful White Oak Conservation property.

The *Veterinary Technician Internship* provides a continuing education opportunity for certified veterinary technicians intending to work in the zoo and wildlife field. The internship will provide extensive hands-on experience working clinically with a wide variety of exotic species, alongside highly respected veterinary staff. The internship program is designed to provide the technical skills and knowledge for participants to qualify for zoo and wildlife veterinary technician positions at the conclusion of the internship.

### Skills, Experiences, and Duties:

Under the supervision and direction of the veterinary staff *Veterinary Technician Interns* will participate in all aspects of the veterinary department including but not limited to-

- Acting as a functioning field technician and laboratory technician
- Assisting in surgical and preventative procedures- Including set up and take down, immobilizations, exams, anesthetic monitoring, and surgical assistance
- Diagnostics – Including in house blood work, outside lab submission preparation, fecal examinations, radiology, cytology, urinalysis, & post mortem exams
- Neonatal care
- Hospital maintenance – Including equipment servicing and maintenance, stocking, and inventory, and general cleaning
- Records-medical records, filing, data entry and organizing



### Internship Sessions:

- SPRING Session runs from Mid-January to Mid-July
- FALL Session runs from Mid-July to Mid-January

## Details:

The *Veterinary Technician Internship* is a six-month paid internship. The selected candidate will receive a \$1,466 monthly stipend, before taxes, and free housing at White Oak for the duration of the internship. Interns are scheduled to work 40 hours a week and rotating on-call weekends but may be asked to assist with after-hours emergencies. Interns have access to select White Oak amenities including a fitness center and swimming pool. Housing for pets and/or spouses is not available. White Oak reserves the right to terminate internships at any time.



## Eligibility Requirements

1. Candidates must be graduates of an AVMA accredited Veterinary Technology program, with preference given to Certified, Licensed and Registered Veterinary Technicians (CVT's, LVT's, and RVT's).
2. Applicants must have at least 1 year of experience as a licensed technician in a veterinary practice and a working knowledge of veterinary principles; anatomy, pharmacology, parasitology, hematology, radiology, anesthesiology, urinalysis, clinical and surgical techniques. Experience prior to licensing will be considered.
3. Candidates should be self-motivated, able to work well alone and with others, and willing to learn new skills and make the most of the internship experience.
4. Candidates must be able to lift 50 lbs., climb in and out of truck beds, remain bending/standing/ stooping for long periods of time, and work in adverse weather conditions.
5. Candidates must pass a drug test upon starting the internship.
6. Candidates must have proof of a valid driver's license and proof of valid health insurance.
7. Candidates must be legally able to work in the United States (US Citizen, Permanent Resident, or hold an Employment Authorization Document)

## How to Apply

All candidates will submit a cover letter, resume, transcripts, and 3 letters of recommendation. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Only electronic submissions will be accepted (.doc, .docx, or .pdf only). Please send application materials to [training@white-oak.org](mailto:training@white-oak.org) with the subject line: Veterinary Technician Internship. Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.

