

**KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
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**RANGE: 42.0**  
**CLASSIFIED**  
**CODE: 7**

**REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN**  
**CALIFORNIA LIVING MUSEUM (CALM)**

**DEFINITION**

Under the direct supervision of the Curator of Animals (CALM), and working directly with contracted veterinarians, the Veterinary Technician is responsible for the medical treatment and health and welfare of all animals.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

Daily treatment and care of all hospitalized animals including husbandry;

preventative medicine (scheduling and administering routine vaccinations and deworming, and training animal care staff as needed for participation in these treatments);

inventory and order lab, medical, and pharmaceutical supplies and purge outdated drugs;

compound, calculate and dispense medication to animal care staff as needed and prescribed by veterinarian;

routine hospital maintenance which includes, but is not limited to, cleaning and sterilizing equipment and coordinating equipment repair, and performing routine quality control testing on equipment and making repairs as needed;

diagnostic duties such as radiographs, bloodwork, fecal exams, and others as related to zoo requirements;

laboratory duties such as collecting samples and distributing them to laboratories;

manage biohazard waste, controlled substances and hazardous substances;

under the direction of the veterinarian and CALM management, develop and implement hospital protocols and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP);

manage the disposition of animals (such as euthanizing and carcass disposition);

facilitate communication between the veterinarians and CALM management and coordinate regular veterinarian visits (to include, but not limited to: scheduling, preparing lists of cases and background information, support during rounds, record-keeping, and any follow-up, transporting animals to and from off-site vet clinics);

assist veterinarians when on site (to include, but not limited to: preparing for procedures in the clinic or the field and cleaning up after procedures, anesthesia and anesthetic monitoring, surgical assistance as directed by the veterinarian, animal restraint);

manage radiology (duties to include, but not limited to: position animals for radiology, label and archive images, maintain all equipment such as badges, aprons, etc.);

assist with wildlife rehab duties such as intake exams, follow-ups and treatments;

serve on emergency immobilization team and maintain readiness for animal emergencies including periodic dart preparation and training sessions for staff;

maintain daily records;

and perform related duties as assigned.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

### Knowledge of:

Animals indigenous to Kern County and California;

current laws and regulations related to medications and their use for animal care and treatment;

and proper care, handling, and restraining of animals.

### Ability to:

Plan, organize, and prioritize work;

understand and carry out written and oral instructions;

communicate effectively in both written and oral instructions;

establish and maintain a cooperative working relationship with co-workers;

work outside in inclement weather conditions, including dust, heat, rain, and pollen;

work with injured animals with wounds or infections;

see, hear, reach, bend, kneel, run, and walk on rough terrain;

lift up to 50 pounds on a regular basis and 125 pounds occasionally;

handle live animals for the purpose of treating and medicating zoo animals;

and maintain calm during emergency situations.

### Experience:

A minimum of five (5) years of Veterinary Technician experience required.

### Education:

Registered Veterinary Technician Certification required.

### Conditions of employment:

A preplacement medical assessment/health screening, at office expense, is a condition of appointment after all other required job conditions have been met.

Some positions may require proof of privately owned automobile insurance and possession of a valid California Motor Vehicle operator's license which must be maintained for the duration of the assignment.

Fingerprint clearance by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the California Department of Justice is a condition of appointment after all other required job conditions have been met.

Must present verification of completion of Child Abuse Mandated Reporter training or obtain verification within six (6) weeks of hire and annually thereafter, as required by the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.

This position has a probationary period of six months or 130 days, whichever is longer.

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