



Westfield Vet Group

Westfield Vet Group is hiring! WVG is a quickly growing full service veterinary hospital offering complete wellness care and 24/7 emergency services 365 days a year. We proudly offer close to 20 doctors and 40+ veterinary technicians, assistants and support staff. WVG is equipped with double surgery suites, dental suites, digital radiology, ultrasound, wireless telemetry, oxygen cages and rehabilitation department. We offer competitive compensation, health/dental/vision benefits, excellent employee pet discounts, 3-4 day work weeks, optional short term disability insurance, life insurance and 401k.

POSITION: EMERGENCY/IN-PATIENT TECHNICIAN, full time or part time

REPORTS TO: Emergency Nursing Manager, Nursing Manager, Hospital Manager

SUMMARY: WVG is seeking a full time experienced veterinary technician for weekends. Possible option to move to overnights in the future. Part-time applicants will also be considered. Emergency/In-Patient technicians rotate from day to day between in-patient nursing care and emergency/outpatient care. Emergency technicians are responsible and should be efficient in triaging patients, collecting medical history, knowledge and ability to recognize medical emergencies and illnesses, assessing patients, recording vitals and assisting doctors with diagnostics. In-patient technicians are responsible for all aspects of patient care including collecting rounds from the previous nursing staff, completing all treatments as instructed by the doctor, basic husbandry and nursing care, monitoring all changes in patients and giving them all the compassionate care they deserve. Patients may vary from routine post-operative patients to the chronically ill to the acutely critical patient. In-patient technicians will also assist with admitting patients to hospital for surgical procedures as well as admitting patients for short stay procedures such as Ultrasounds, Echocardiograms, Low Dose Dexamethasone Suppression tests, ACTH Stim testing, etc. Technicians must be fluent in phlebotomy, venous catheter placement, endotracheal intubation, monitoring critically ill patients, pharmacology knowledge, digital radiology and basic laboratory skills. Ideal candidates will have experience placing central venous catheters (peripheral or jugular), naso-gastric tubes, urinary catheterization and will feel comfortable and confident inducing and maintaining sometimes critical patients under anesthesia for emergency surgery. **Candidates must be able to manage their time efficiently, possess good problem solving skills and be able to perform well in stressful situations or high caseloads. Surgical experience is strongly preferred.**

Duties will include but may not be limited to;

- Triaging emergencies, assessing patient vitals and stability, collecting medical history
- Collecting venous blood samples (cephalic, saphenous, jugular), place peripheral venous catheters, administer injectable medications (IV, IM, SQ), +/- placing central venous catheters and collecting urine via urinary catheterization or cystocentesis
- Using knowledge of common drugs used in veterinary medicine, their uses, side effects and common routes of administration in the clinical setting as well as client education
- Using knowledge of medical math to perform medical calculations and ability to correctly dose medications under the direction of a veterinarian
- Safely taking digital radiographs and restraining for ultrasound and echocardiograms
- Running in house bloodwork (CBC, Chemistry, PT/PTT, PCV/TS, I-Stat) or appropriately sending samples out to Antech
- Recording ECGs for the short term or placing patients on long term wireless telemetry and the ability to recognize abnormalities and arrhythmias
- Obtain blood pressure readings using Oscillometric and Doppler methods
- Performing all treatments as directed by veterinarian including but not limited to; nutrition/tube feedings, administration of oral, topical and/or injectable medications, properly calculating/administering fluid therapy, monitoring ins/outs, recording vitals, noting all changes in patient's health/mentation and pain levels, alerting the attending doctor to all changes and documenting all changes and patient progress in detail in the chart notes
- Administering pain medications and injectable sedatives/anesthesia for doctors to perform short procedures such as laceration repairs and urethral obstructions and the ability to closely monitor patients under sedation and during their recovery
- Endotracheal intubation, administration of inhalant anesthesia (Sevoflurane) and monitoring patients under anesthesia for emergency surgical procedures (GDVs, abdominal explores, pyometra, c-section, etc) using ECG, Oscillometric and Doppler NIBP, SPO2, CO2
- Admitting and discharging patients from the hospital including routine surgical patients and hospitalized sick patients, ability to efficiently and compassionately communicate with clients and give in depth at-home instructions for patient care
- Follow all safety precautions when working with hazardous materials and situations (radiation, gas inhalants, zoonotic diseases, physical demands) in accordance with OSHA and AAHA guidelines
- Keeping the hospital clean, stocked and orderly throughout the work day and by following daily checklists at the end of each shift
- Conduct one's self in a professional manner under all situations and maintain positive relationships with other employees, MUST be team oriented, MUST be able to communicate and work with team members in order to solve any issues that may arise in order to best serve our patients

COMPENSATION: Up to \$25/hr depending on work experience, education and certification/licensure status

QUALIFICATIONS: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE: High school diploma or general education degree (GED) required, graduate of an AVMA accredited Animal Science program or CVT strongly preferred. A minimum of two years of working experience is **REQUIRED**.

SKILLS: Ability to read, write and comprehend simple instruction, short correspondence, and memos. Must be able to effectively present information in one-on-one and small group situations to customers, clients, and other employees.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: The physical demands described are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, and depth perception.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: The work environment characteristics described below are representative of those needed to perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee may regularly be exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, winter weather, and extreme heat. The employee is frequently exposed to moving mechanical parts and fumes or airborne particles. The noise level in the work environment is usually loud.