



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: SURGICAL/IN-PATIENT TECHNICIAN, full time

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

SUMMARY: Surgical technicians will work with the entire surgical team as directed by the nursing manager to aid in the completion of the daily duties of the surgical department from induction through anesthesia monitoring and recovery. Technicians will also aid in the care and treatment of hospitalized animals as needed by the nursing managers. Strong surgical experience is required. Experience in dentistry is strongly preferred. Duties will include but may not be limited to;

- Admit patients into the hospital for surgical and out-patient procedures in accordance with hospital policies and procedures
- Physical assessment of patients and monitoring all vitals
- Prepare anesthesia protocols for each patient under the direction of the veterinarian and calculating all drugs
- Administer injectable medications (subcutaneously, intra-muscularly and intravenously)
- Placement and maintenance of IV catheters, knowledge of fluid therapy requirements/calculations and use of fluid pumps
- Knowledge of use for surgical monitoring equipment (including ECG, capnography, pulse oximetry, oscillometric and Doppler blood pressure monitoring)
- Endotracheal intubation/extubation and how to safely administer inhalant anesthesia

- Ability to proficiently and closely monitor patient vitals through all stages of the procedure from pre-op to post-op, efficiently assess patient's anesthetic depth, recognize potential complications and alert doctor to all changes
- Recover patients from anesthesia and the ability to assess patient pain and work in conjunction with the veterinarian to provide appropriate pain management
- Provide all patients with compassionate care and attend to all patients nursing needs as they arise
- Proper documentation in all medical records and accurately log Controlled Drugs per DEA Requirements
- Discharge patients under the veterinarian's orders ensuring the patients are well groomed and in a medically appropriate state with the ability to explain all medications dispensed and home care instructions to owner in a clear and educational manner
- Knowledge of common medications and their side effects including injectable and oral medications
- Maintenance of surgical equipment, cleaning and sterilization of surgical packs and instruments
- Assist other areas of the hospital as needed including emergency and in-patient care with the ability to triage emergencies by quickly assessing the patient's health status and collecting patient histories, perform diagnostic procedures under the direction of the veterinarian including radiology and laboratory procedures and provide hospitalized patients with all treatments as directed including basic animal husbandry and medical care
- 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

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.