

CuriOdyssey  
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## Veterinary Technician/Animal Keeper

Full-time/ Regular Position/ With Benefits

### **Position Overview**

CuriOdyssey is looking for a reliable, flexible, self-motivated, team orientated person, to fill the position of Veterinary Technician/Animal Keeper. The incumbent will have shared duties of approximately 40% animal husbandry and 60% veterinary care for the animals in the collection. These percentages are subject to change based on the veterinary and husbandry needs of the animals. All veterinary care will be under the direct or indirect supervision of the Staff Veterinarian. Some of the animals in the Living Collection include River Otter, Bobcat, Raccoons, Raptors, water birds, various amphibians and reptiles (including Northern Pacific Rattlesnake), and invertebrates.

### **Veterinary Technician Job Responsibilities Include:**

- Assisting and supporting the veterinarians with the development and implementation of the preventive medicine program, including but not limited to vaccinations, routine fecal sampling, and animal examinations.
- Providing medical treatments and medications, as directed by the veterinarians. (Examples: oral or injectable medications, tube feeding, wound care, etc.)
- Assisting the veterinarians with animal exams and anesthetic procedures. Performing set-up and clean-up for all exams and treatments.
- Performing basic diagnostics: fecal examinations, venipuncture, specimen preparation for outside labs, necropsy preparation, and sampling and radiographs.
- Maintaining all veterinary equipment (example: anesthesia machine, instruments, dental machine, x-ray machine).
- Ordering and maintaining veterinary supplies and medications.
- Preparing a patient case list for veterinary rounds (8 times per month)
- Maintaining medical treatment board and spreadsheet, the controlled drug log, and hazardous waste disposal logs.
- Medical record keeping (hard copy and in the ZIMS database)
- Learning to use and regularly practicing with darting equipment and anesthetics is required in case of an animal escape.
- Performing daily medical rounds.

### **Animal Keeper Job Responsibilities Include:**

- Participation in the maintenance of the animal areas, which includes servicing habitats and indoor holding areas, as well as preparing diets and feeding the animal collection.

Participation with the development and implementation of enrichment and animal medical training.

- Assisting with the maintenance and improvement of animal husbandry standards; minor renovations, and improvements within the department.
- Animal welfare assessments
- Daily husbandry record keeping
- Meeting with supervisors and keepers weekly to address animal health, welfare, safety, and facility maintenance.
- Interacting with museum visitors and offering information on exhibited animals informally.
- Serve as a back-up to Keeper Staff during venomous animal procedures
- Carrying out job-related tasks as requested by supervisor.

**Job Requirements:**

1. Must be at least 18 years old
2. Registered Veterinary Technician, licensed in California OR a veterinary assistant with a Veterinary Assistant Controlled Substances Permit (VACSP) or ability to obtain one after hire.
3. Three (3) years of experience working in a veterinary facility
4. One (1) year of experience working with exotic animals.
5. Applicants must be in good physical condition: able to lift and carry a minimum of 50 lbs. unassisted, climb, bend, and squat.
6. A strong understanding of the methods, science, and practices of modern captive wild animal management including animal husbandry and basic animal training using operant conditioning and proper record-keeping practices.
7. Valid CA driver's license for use of CuriOdyssey vehicles (CuriOdyssey will conduct a DMV employer pull notice).
8. Applicants must be willing to work outside normal business hours including weekends and holidays.
9. Applicants must be willing to work in small spaces and all weather conditions.
10. Possession of or willingness to obtain (at CuriOdyssey's expense) vaccinations for tetanus, hepatitis B, and pre-exposure rabies series.

**Preferred Experience and Skills:**

11. Experience in medically treating birds.
12. Ability to work independently and with a team.
13. Teaching and training fellow staff on simple medical skills.
14. Excellent written and verbal communication skills for consultation with off-site veterinarians, and medical instructions for fellow staff.
15. One (1) year of experience working with animals in a zoo setting.
16. Familiarity with ZIMS database for recordkeeping

Salary range: \$23.00 to \$27.00 per hour with benefits. The pay range is commensurate with RVT license status and experience.

Only applicants who are authorized to work in the US will be considered. If chosen for a second (working) interview candidates must be able to come in person to be considered for this

position. The interview process and job requirements involve a demonstrated ability to work directly with captive wildlife.

CuriOdyssey is an equal opportunity employer and considers applicants for all positions regardless of age, race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and/or related medical conditions), gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, military or veteran status, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws.

This position will be filled as soon as possible and once filled the posting will be deleted. Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, 2 animal care references, and 2 veterinarian references to Nikii Finch-Morales, Director of Wildlife via email at [Nikiifm\(at\)curiodyssey.org](mailto:Nikiifm@curiodyssey.org)

Please make it clear in the subject line that you are applying for the Veterinary Technician/Animal Keeper position. Applicants are thanked in advance, and only individuals selected for interviews will be contacted.