



Veterinary Technician

Department: Veterinary Services

Reports to: Veterinary Services Manager

Number of Direct Reports: 0

Status: Full-time, non-exempt

Schedule: 40 hours, variable, 10 hours/4 days per week

Compensation and Benefits: \$18-20/hour dependent on certification

Mission and Values: Foothills Animal Shelter's mission is: Providing support to our surrounding community through education, services that strengthen the human-pet bond, and humane care for the animals we serve.

All employees and volunteers are expected to embody the Shelter's Values which are to have honesty and integrity in all that we do, with the following values as our guide:

- Stewardship: Assume responsibility and ownership for our actions within our shelter and our community.
- Positive Culture: Create a safe, supportive environment for the health, wellbeing, and development of staff and volunteers.
- Openness: Nurture an innovative, inclusive, and creative environment that cultivates conversations and relationships that actively work towards the future.
- Team Oriented: Build relationships, embrace teamwork, and foster collaboration in pursuit of our Mission.

Position Summary: This position will manage the health of homeless pets during their stay at our shelter, lead surgery in partnership with our veterinary team and support and provide mentorship to our volunteers and veterinary assistants. If you are a Certified Veterinary Technician, Foothills is a Public Service Loan Forgiveness employer.

Responsibilities

- Administer anesthesia and oversee monitoring animals under anesthesia in a high volume spay/neuter environment.
- Oversee recovery of animal's post-surgery with the aid of volunteers.
- Collect samples for testing and perform laboratory tests.
- Medicate, vaccinate, and treat animals as prescribed by veterinarian
- Use and maintain medical equipment
- Perform physical examinations and restraint on animals
- Perform accurate data entry to update animal records and controlled drug logs.
- Contribute to initiatives to improve processes and procedures.

Qualifications

- Certified Veterinary Technician preferred or equivalent work experience
- Experience in an animal welfare environment preferred.
- Experience in HQHVSN (High Quality High Volume Spay/Neuter
- Fear Free Shelter and Fear Free Veterinary certified or become Fear Free certified within 60 days of employment.
- Strong interpersonal communication skills.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office programs.

- Ability to work in a fast-paced, team environment.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Strong attention to detail.
- Must have the ability to communicate and collaborate with a variety of people and personality types.

Working Conditions

- Handling and restraining animals of various sizes, weights, and temperaments.
- Subject to animal bites or scratches.
- Working with medications/drugs both controlled and non-controlled.
- Physical efforts require constant bending, stooping, standing, climbing stairs, and walking. Ability to lift at least 50lbs with reasonable accommodation.
- Must be able to manage the emotional aspect of end-of-life services and humane euthanasia, and support employees in high-emotion circumstances.

About: As an open admission shelter, our doors are always open to pets in Jefferson County and we are committed to serving our community. We care for more than 6,000 animals every year with a compassionate team of 60 staff and 250 volunteers. We are a community resource and offer a variety of services including pet adoption, Jefferson County pet licensing, vaccinations, microchipping and lost and found pets. The Shelter is established under an intergovernmental agreement between Jefferson County, the City of Arvada, the City of Lakewood, the City of Wheat Ridge, the City of Golden, the City of Westminster and the City of Edgewater.

Benefits: Foothills Animal Shelter offers a competitive total compensation package. Employees become eligible for medical, dental, vision, life insurance, long term disability, and an array of supplemental benefits at 60 days of employment. Foothills offers coverage of the premiums for medical plans, dental, vision, life insurance (\$10,000) and long-term disability. Employees earn sick and vacation time each pay period, plus paid holidays. After one year of employment, employees are eligible for a 401K retirement plan that FAS will match up to 3%. Employees also have access to an array of discounted programs including pet food, veterinary care, pet adoption, pet insurance, and uniforms. CVT's are also eligible for employee reimbursement for continuing education.

To Apply: Send a cover letter and resume to Admin@fas4pets.org with Vet Tech Opportunity in subject line. Applicants will be interviewed on a rolling basis and the position may be filled prior to the deadline. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to apply immediately.