



Relief Veterinarian Job Description

JOB SUMMARY:

The Relief Veterinarian supports the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley's mission and goals by providing quality high volume spay and neuter surgeries for the general public and for cats and dogs in Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley's care, in addition to providing routine medical care and vaccinations to impounded and Shelter animals. The Relief Veterinarian works closely with the Medical Director to ensure a healthy animal population and consistent best practices at the Shelter.

Supervisor: Medical Director

Reports to: Medical Director

Supervises: Veterinary Technicians and Assistants

QUALIFICATIONS:

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM/VMD) or equivalent degree required. Shelter Medicine training or experience preferred.

License in good standing with the Idaho state veterinary board. License with the Drug Enforcement Agency required.

Proven ability to perform all basic surgeries, including use of all standard medical instruments and equipment.

Attention to detail and ability to organize and set priorities a must.

Exhibit a positive attitude, common sense, flexibility, and teamwork with ability to exercise independent judgment.

Must have interest in animal welfare population control and serving low-income communities. Ability to professionally advocate for Shelter position on issues related to the mission.

Maintain open mind regarding changes and be willing to learn, implement, and teach new protocols.

Have a demonstrated commitment to animals and the community.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Community Spay/Neuter Clinics

- Perform pre-surgical exams on animals to determine if they are healthy enough for spay/neuter surgery.
- Perform an average of 15-20 surgical sterilizations and follow up care on dogs and cats per week.
- Perform occasional, additional minor surgeries including, but not limited to: growth removals, dental extractions, hernia repairs, dewclaw removal and scrotal ablations.
- Examine and vaccinate impounded animals.

Other Veterinary Duties

- Advise Vet Tech on best practices for Shelter population disease control.
- Along with Vet Tech, oversee and maintain controlled substance log books.
- Promote ongoing development of medical care through continued education.
- Work with Shelter Staff, Kennel Manager, and Vet Tech to delegate duties and responsibilities to ensure proper care for public and ASWRV animals.
- Communicate with kennel staff adequately to help ensure shelter population health and treatment needs and complete follow up with specific animal care requirements.
- Perform occasional off-site and on-site vaccination clinics for publicly owned animals.
- Perform humane euthanasia when necessary on Shelter or owner requested animals, per Shelter euthanasia guidelines and standards.
- Maintain healthy and safe clinic conditions per Shelter and industry standards.
- Bring suggestions for improving shelter medical services to the attention of the Medical Director.
- Work within budgets as directed by Medical Director.
- Other duties as assigned by Medical Director.

HOURS, SALARY & BENEFITS:

Hours: Part-time position, 15-20 hours/week

Salary: Competitive hourly rate, depending on experience, proficiency, and ability to work cooperatively while fostering the mission of the organization.

Benefits: The Animal Shelter offers benefits for part-time employees as outlined in the Employee Handbook.

The Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley is an equal opportunity employer.

TO APPLY: Please submit cover letter and resume to [hiring@animalshelterwrv.org](mailto: hiring@animalshelterwrv.org).