

Position Title: Veterinary Assistant – Food Animal Hospital

Department: Veterinary Medicine & Surgery

Position Type: Staff

Job ID: 53518

Job Description:

The **College of Veterinary Medicine** at MU is on a mission to inclusively educate and train outstanding clinicians and scientists from diverse backgrounds, generate new knowledge, engage stakeholders, and foster economic growth, all of which promote and protect the health and welfare of animals and people. *Simply put, our mission is to Teach, Heal, Discover and Serve.*

We are seeking a **Veterinary Assistant** to join our dynamic Food Animal Service. The **Veterinary Health Center Food Animal Hospital** is staffed by veterinarians, technicians, and assistants committed to the health and welfare of food and fiber animals and the growth and development of Missouri's agricultural sector. The majority of our caseload consists of traditional agricultural animals, including beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats and swine. The hospital also provides services to camelids, miniature swine and other nontraditional livestock. We offer a wide variety of services from routine care to state-of-the-art medical and surgical procedures. The Food Animal Hospital provides both in-hospital and field service care. Located in Clydesdale Hall, the hospital offers 24-hour outpatient and inpatient animal care. It has a full-service handling facility including a hydraulic chute and tilt table. We have a variety of stalls suitable to house cattle, camelids, small ruminants and swine.

Typical Veterinary Technician Job Responsibilities Include:

- Ensure that the clinic is kept in a neat, sanitary and orderly condition. Supervise unloading and loading of patients as well as routine handling to ensure that the procedure is properly and safely conducted, and that human and animal injuries are minimized.
- Assist faculty with research projects including treatments, technical procedures and record keeping as well as help to supervise professional students in teaching laboratories. Supervise record-keeping for whole herd tests.
- Coordinate submission of samples to internal and external laboratories.
- Maintain records of routine vaccinations and testing procedures during on-farm visits.
- Oversee instruments and supplies used and ensure instruments are sterile, properly rotated and adequately stocked.
- Order necessary surgical, medical, obstetrical, and research supplies.
- Maintain invoices and financial records in accordance with university fiscal policies.
- Conduct weekly inventory of medication in the clinic and on ambulatory vehicles.
- Maintain laboratory equipment housed in the Food Animal Clinic such as centrifuges, refractometers, blood chemistry analyzers, etc.
- Coordinate requests from pre-vet students for shadowing time.

Shift

Typical shifts are during the days, Monday through Friday. There is an on-call rotation for evening and weekend emergency calls this position is expected participate in.

Minimum Qualifications

High school diploma or equivalent experience from which comparable knowledge and skills can be acquired is necessary.

Preferred Qualifications

Prior experience handling large / food animals is desired.

Successful candidate will exhibit the following skills and core competencies:

- Excellent communication skills, to interact with pet owners and veterinary staff.
- Strong understanding of animal behavior and clinical skills in order to properly evaluate an animal's condition and provide treatment.
- Detailed-oriented and well organized to take medical histories, carry out instructions, document patient statistics and update records.
- Enjoy working with animals and have the ability to comfort, handle and restrain large and small animals.

Anticipated Hiring Range

Hiring at \$15.00/hour

Grade: GGS-004

University Title: Veterinary Assistant

Internal applicants can determine their University Title by accessing the Talent profile tile in myHR.

Benefit Eligibility

This position is eligible for University benefits. As part of your total compensation, the University offers a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental and vision plans, retirement, paid time off, short- and long-term disability, paid parental leave, paid caregiver leave, and educational fee discounts for all four UM System campuses. For additional information on University benefits, please visit the Faculty & Staff Benefits website at <https://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/benefits>.

Values Commitment

We value the uniqueness of every individual and strive to ensure each person's success. Contributions from individuals with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives promote intellectual pluralism and enable us to achieve the excellence that we seek in learning, research and engagement. This commitment makes our university a better place to work, learn and innovate.

In your application materials, please discuss your experiences and expertise that support these values and enrich our missions of teaching, research, and engagement.

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