

Position Title: Veterinary Assistant – Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation

Department: Veterinary Medicine & Surgery

Position Type: Staff

Job ID: 53606

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 an energetic **Veterinary Assistant** to join our growing [Small Animal Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation](#) service. We seek candidates who embrace their passion for small animals and learning to join our growing team! The Small Animal Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Service aims to be Missouri's premier performance and rehabilitation center for companion and working animals. With a team-based approach, we are committed to offering leading-edge care to optimize recovery, performance of daily life and sport activities, and quality of life for pets. We specialize in advanced techniques, including imaging diagnostics, therapeutic modalities such as underwater and dry land treadmills, therapeutic ultrasound and laser, dry needle acupuncture and manual therapy, extracorporeal shock wave therapy, joint and soft tissue injection therapies, mobility aids, and therapeutic exercises.

Typical job responsibilities include:

- Perform highly active movements when working with patients, including sitting, kneeling, standing, and lifting
- Develop a basic understanding of dog behavior and apply training/shaping methods
- Conduct therapeutic rehabilitative exercises with patients
- Work comfortably and safely around/in the Underwater Treadmill system
- Safely and effectively operate Class IV LASER system
- Perform other rehabilitation duties as trained and assigned
- Safely restrain, handle and transport patients
- Exercise patients in designated area as instructed
- Clean, organize and stock treatment and examination rooms
- Respond to phone inquiries regarding appointments
- Utilize hospital information system and other software for data entry
- Assist with monitoring hospitalized patients and provide ward care
- Collect samples (e.g., blood, urine and fecal) and administer medications as instructed
- Perform basic diagnostic procedures as requested within skill set of the particular assistant consistent with MVMB guidelines.
- Prepare operating room set-up / break-down and cleaning instruments and surgical suite
- Maintain and care for diagnostic and surgical equipment.

Veterinarians throughout the Midwest refer animal clients to the [Veterinary Health Center](#) for specialized diagnoses and treatment. With sophisticated therapeutic equipment that includes an underwater treadmill, advanced imaging techniques, and groundbreaking equine lameness diagnostic equipment, we are a center for animal healthcare.

Shift

Shifts are during the days, Monday through Friday.

Minimum Qualifications

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

Preferred Qualifications

Successful candidate will exhibit the following skills and competencies:

- Enjoy working in a fast-paced collaborative environment
- Driven by life-long learning and professional development.
- Possess excellent communication skills and be able to interact with pet families and the veterinary team
- Be detailed-oriented and well-organized in gathering medical histories, carrying out instructions, documenting patient statistics, and updating computerized medical records for billing
- Enjoy working with animals and have the ability to comfort, handle and restrain large and/or small patients.

Anticipated Hiring Range

Salary: \$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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