

Assistant in Surgery - Veterinary Technician

The Outer Banks SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) staffs and manages the Dare County Animal Shelter. Since 1978 the Dare County Animal Shelter has been serving the Outer Banks community to offer help to animals in need. The shelter is concerned with the welfare of all animals, domestic, feral, or wild. As the only animal shelter in Dare County, the Outer Banks SPCA is a community resource for pets and people that help abandoned and homeless animals across our County.

Our animal shelter offers a wide variety of services to promote the human-animal bond. These services include pet adoption and re-homing, low-cost spay and neuter assistance, vaccine clinics, supporting local wildlife rescue, human law enforcement Animal Control services for lost and stray pets, community outreach, volunteer opportunities, and so much more.

Assistant in Surgery - Veterinary Technician Essential Job Functions:

- Calculates anesthetic and pre-anesthetic medications as appropriate for individual patients.
- Prepares the Clinic for surgery.
- Provides support during surgery to veterinarians.
- Takes temperature, pulse and respiration of patients.
- Administers pharmaceuticals such as medications and vaccines.
- Collects and prepares blood, urine, and feces samples.
- Gives intramuscular, intravenous and subcutaneous injections.
- Maintains cleanliness of the surgery room and other related areas, to provide a safe, clean and sterile environment.
- Performs routine cleaning and general maintenance of medical equipment, facilities and animal housing.
- Impounds, quarantines and restrains animals as required.
- Examines animals and make referrals to veterinarians as needed.
- Microchips animals.
- Orders, unloads, stores, and restocks medical supplies and related equipment.
- Provides post-surgical and treatment information to animal owners.
- Assigns and oversees medically related duties to volunteers and Animal Care Attendants.
- Maintains written records for the animal hospital.
- Performs the following procedures under the direct supervision of licensed veterinarians:

1. Applies bandages as necessary.
2. Administers anesthesia induction.
3. Renders emergency animal health care in the event of an emergency.
4. Performs euthanasia in accordance with established policies and North Carolina laws.

Education and Experience Requirements:

- Completion of a two-year American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accredited program.
- Licensed certification
- Externship experience

The Assistant in Surgery - Veterinary Technician is a part-time position working 8:30am-5:30pm one to two days a week.

To apply for the position, email your resume and cover letter to billc@obxspca.org