

Primary Function: The Veterinarian is responsible for diagnosing, treating and assisting with managing the health of animals in the custody of spcaLA within the goals and guidelines established by the Society.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Examination of animals for prospective adoptions to ensure health condition.
- Examination of and treat injured or sick animals that come into spcaLA's custody.
- Assist in the maintenance of protocols by promoting an aggressive program for recognizing, treating, controlling and eradicating transmittable diseases within the kennel and veterinary facilities and ensure adherence to the protocols.
- Evaluate, make recommendations for and perform humane euthanasia if animals according to spcaLA policies and procedures. May also train and certify staff in proper euthanasia methods and techniques.
- Maintain effective communication with staff and department supervisor to ensure harmonious, efficient and effective operations.
- Work cooperatively with agency's law enforcement division on animal cruelty investigations and prepare reports as required.
- Assist in the planning, coordinating, and implementing low-cost vaccination clinics.
- Assist with monitoring all drugs and equipment within veterinary department; ensure adequate stock is on hand and make recommendations for cost saving items.
- May perform spay and neuter surgeries and other surgeries.

Job Related and Essential Qualifications

- Must possess a valid license to practice veterinary medicine in state of California and maintain in course of employment.
- Must possess CA DEA drug license and maintain in course of employment.
- No felony convictions or convictions of driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Valid California Driver's License, or ability to obtain one and maintain during the course of employment. Insurable to drive company vehicle.
- Ability to operate vehicle under all types of weather road conditions.
- Ability to perform the job in a professional manner and work efficiently under pressure.
- Ability to work independently and originate and execute projects with little or no supervision.
- Availability to work when and where needed, including field disasters or emergency response for extended periods of time.
- Ability to deal with sensitive issues effectively and tactfully with the public, staff and volunteers.

Knowledge of:

- Surgical procedures for spaying and neutering of canines and felines and for emergency treatment of injured animals.
- Knowledge of modern techniques for treating various animals for common diseases and injuries.
- California Veterinary Practice Act; Federal Food & Drug Act covering legend or prescription drugs.
- Various species of animals including exotic species.
- Basic methods of animal care; safe and humane animal handling.

Physical demands:

- Ability to lift 50 – 75 lbs. on a regular basis.
- Extensive direct handling, carrying and restraining of animals of all sizes and carrying of supplies and equipment.
- Extensive stooping, bending and carrying.
- Manual dexterity sufficient for handwritten documents and to perform surgical procedures safely.
- Must be able to tolerate loud animal noises and odors for extended periods of time.
- Endurance sufficient for standing and walking during entire shift.

Working Conditions:

- Dealing with possible unruly, vicious, sick and dangerous animals and impounding the same safely and humanely.
- Possible exposure to hostile and over emotional public.
- Heavy and fast paced workload; strenuous physical activity.
- Possible exposure to parasites and infectious diseases.
- The noise level in performing this job varies depending on the task being performed.
- Exposure to all types of weather conditions.

Experience and Training:

- Current California State Licensed Veterinarian, Graduation from a school of veterinarian medicine recognized by the Board of Examiners in Veterinary Medicine of the State of California.
- 5 years practical experience as veterinarian, experience in a shelter environment preferred.

Application Procedure:

Qualified candidates, please submit a resume and cover letter with your salary requirements. Resumes submitted without a cover letter will not be considered. Email to jobs@spcaLA.com.

We have full time and part time positions available.

Application Deadline: Open until filled

Employment Location: Veterinarians work out of all spcaLA pet adoption centers.