



## **Kennel Technician Job Description**

As a Kennel Technician your duties will include but are not limited to; walking dogs outside in hot/cold/rainy conditions, cleaning kennels/runs including walls/floors/ceilings/windows/doors, feeding/watering dogs/cats, bathing dogs/cats (including trimming toenails, cleanings ears, and expressing anal glands), elimination/feeding record notation, scooping feces from all parts of the inside and outside of the facility, notating of tasks completed in Avimark (veterinary software), housekeeping duties throughout the facility, inventory, OSHA awareness and compliance, extraordinary customer service and maintaining a practical knowledge of the hospitals procedures, services and policies. The expected manner of every team member is maintain a professional demeanor at all times, use appropriate medical terminology and support practice ownership, management and fellow team members at all times.

### **ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTION BASICS –**

- Bending, stooping, crouching, kneeling, standing/walking on concrete floor up to 12 hours a day, typing, writing, balancing, twisting, squatting and rotating throughout the day.
- Moving animals from cage to cage, floor to floor, room to room. Restraining animals up to 200 pounds intermittently, lifting animals up to 50 pounds and lifting animals over 50 pounds with help.
- Ability to maintain an alertness level to keep safe from possible danger, resilience after disappointment or constructive feedback, compassion, to follow the ethical guidelines of your profession and this hospital, powers of keen observation for patient care, excellent reading/comprehension/legible writing skills, ability to negotiate with difficult people and problem solve and the ability to make rational and effective decisions.
- Keep team mentality in mind at all times, be prepared and willing to offer assistance and ask for assistance when needed, keep a positive professional outlook, completely abstain from gossip/negative observation regarding clients/team members or other professionals or other behavior that can whittle away at the healthy foundation of a team.
- Attend staff meetings, participate in hospital functions like open house, community efforts and special events. Be prepared to present topics at the occasional staff meetings.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING CONDITIONS –**

- Noise exposure from barking dogs and machinery.
- Danger of being bitten or scratched.

**\*\*THIS IS BY NO MEANS A COMPLETE LIST. SOME TASKS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO A SPECIFIC STAFF MEMBER OR DEPARTMENT TO COMPLETE. SOME TASKS MAY BE ADDED OR REMOVED. PROCEDURES AND POLICIES MAY CHANGE.\*\***

**\*\*EXPERIENCE PREFERRED BUT NOT NECESSARY TO APPLY.\*\***

**To apply:** send an email with "Kennel" in the subject line to [dancurry@mercyvets.com](mailto:dancurry@mercyvets.com), Kennel Manager. Include a resume and a cover letter describing your current and past experience and why you think you would be a good fit for the position. Also include date/times available to work. Position open until filled.