



## Licensed Veterinary Technician – Animal Welfare League of Arlington in Arlington, VA

### Licensed Veterinary Technician

The Licensed Veterinary Technician works closely with the Animal Welfare League of Arlington's Veterinary Director and will assist with all duties relating to the medical care of the animals in the shelter. This position is based in Arlington, Virginia.

### About the Animal Welfare League of Arlington

Since 1944, the Animal Welfare League of Arlington has been committed to improving the lives of animals. The League provides temporary care and refuge for homeless and suffering animals; places animals in loving responsible homes, provides animal control services to Arlington County, and subsidizes county funds to provide a wealth of animal welfare and community services. The Animal Welfare League of Arlington is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

The Animal Welfare league of Arlington is dedicated to creating a world where all companion animals find compassionate and permanent homes. For more information, please visit [www.awla.org](http://www.awla.org)

### Reporting Relationships

This position reports to the Veterinary Director.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Administer vaccinations and medications
- Draw blood
- Perform general physical examinations on animals in the facility
- Perform IV, IM, and SC injections
- Intubate animals of all sizes
- General surgery cleaning, washing, and autoclaving
- Wrap instruments and packs
- Help manage the diagnosis and treatment of ringworm in the facility including making and reading DTM plates and providing dosing information for antifungal medication
- Provide patient care to all species presented in accordance with organizational procedures and resources
- Perform euthanasia (if/when needed)
- Act as a mentor and assist with training of animal care staff
- Work collaboratively with kennel, adoptions and administrative staff
- Support the AWLA Compassionate Culture guidelines at all times
- Other duties as assigned

### External Relations

This position may, from time to time, interact directly with the public

### Required Qualifications/Knowledge of:

- General anesthesia techniques and safety, specifically for cats, dogs, rabbits and rodents
- Animal handling and restraint
- Basic knowledge of surgery and recovery
- Willing to act as a mentor and assist with training of the animal care staff
- Strong verbal communication skills and the ability to write clearly



- Ability to work full-time (average of 40 hours per week)
- Virginia Licensure at time of hire
- Computer literacy

#### **Desired Qualifications (helpful but not required)**

- Experience in the fields of animal care or animal welfare
- Experience with “hands on” nonprofits
- Experience working with PetPoint

#### **Personal Characteristics**

- Passion for the mission and vision of the Animal Welfare League of Arlington
- Ability to think analytically and problem solve, combined with a willingness to ask questions and work collaboratively
- Ability to multi-task and prioritize
- Energetic, hard-working, and a team player
- Highly organized, and detail-oriented self-starter
- Positive, enthusiastic, and professional
- Discretion with confidential information

#### **Travel Requirements**

This position may have occasional travel in order to participate in continuing education programs.

#### **Typical Physical & Mental Demands**

Requires prolonged standing and/or sitting including bending, stooping, stretching, eye-hand coordination and manual dexterity sufficient to fulfill the responsibilities of the position. Will have exposure to injured and deceased animals, disinfectant solutions, and various weather conditions. May assist in animal restraint and deal with distressed or dangerous animals, and could be subject to bites and scratches. May be required to lift items at least 50 pounds in weight and be physically active.

Requires normal range of hearing and eyesight to communicate with co-workers, managers and members of the public. Also requires flexibility to readily adapt to a changing environment. Must be comfortable around dogs, cats, small companion animals and wildlife. Will be required to receive rabies prophylaxis and tetanus vaccinations. Must have the ability to pass and become certified to perform euthanasia according to Virginia law.

#### **Compensation**

This is a full time, nonexempt, 40 hour per week position. Benefits include vacation and sick time, medical benefits, retirement option, CE allowance, uniform allowance and paid license fees. This position qualifies for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Salary begins at \$20.00 per hour.

#### **To Apply**

Please submit the following application materials to Claudia West at [jobs@awla.org](mailto:jobs@awla.org) with **Licensed Veterinary Technician** in the subject line:

1. A cover letter describing your interest in the position and relevant experience/qualifications
2. Current and up to date Resume

*Animal Welfare League of Arlington is an Equal Opportunity Employer, with a commitment to diversity in the workplace.*

*Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Position will remain posted until filled. No phone inquiries, please.*