

veterinarian

- Learn and retain the basics of the spay/neuter procedure, including anesthetic risks, and are able to communicate pre- and post-op information to owners in a competent and friendly manner
- Stays up-to-date on most recent handouts and paperwork to provide clients and products to offer
- Animal Handling
 - Will be asked to handle (on average) 50+ dogs and cats per day
 - Must be able to learn characteristics of animal behavior (for example: be able to identify aggressive or fearful behavior)
 - Must be able to use appropriate safety equipment for fractious or feral animals (will train)
 - Must possess excellent reflexes
 - Should be able to identify own limitations and be willing to ask for help
 - Must become proficient at animal restraint for various procedures for the safety of co-workers, self, and patients

Minimum Knowledge and Skills Required by the Job:

- Work requires the analytical skills to gather and interpret data in job related situations
- Position requires 6 months - 2 years previous experience in a veterinary clinic, veterinary hospital, and/or animal shelter or control facility

Physical / Mental Requirements of the Job:

- Physical:
 - Must stand, walk, bend and stoop to perform duties
 - Must have the ability to perform prolonged physical activity
 - Must be able to stand for 10 hours
 - Must have reasonable degree of agility to move through tightly cramped areas in various situations
 - Ability to lift 50lbs
 - Job may require performance of tasks that involve the potential for exposure to blood, body fluids, or tissues, animal and human
 - Potential for exposure to zoonotic diseases
 - Exposure to high noise levels when in kennel area
 - Potential for animal bites and scratches while handling animals
- Mental
 - Will be expected to work weekends, holidays, and off hours
 - Must be able to work under stressful conditions and work efficiently and effectively under those conditions
 - Must be able to respond quickly to a variety of medical situations (with training)
 - Must be able to cope with death either due to surgical complication or euthanasia
 - Ability to rapidly and accurately process information
 - Ability to delegate tasks and accept those delegated to them
 - Ability to recognize a need for assistance and ask for help
 - Ability to work independently and as part of team
 - Ability to make sound decisions
 - Ability to cope with high stress situations and remain calm

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