



Position Description

May 1, 2019

Job Title: Parvo ICU Tech (part time)

Reports To: Clinic Manager

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW: San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA!) is a private nonprofit organization that saves the lives of dogs and cats that find themselves at San Antonio Animal Care Services by no fault of their own. Last year SAPA! saved the lives of more than 6,500 dogs and cats by finding them loving adoptive families, placing them in foster homes, and transporting them to other communities across the country. In addition, SAPA! provides necessary medical services to ensure each pet is healthy and happy.

PARVO ICU SUMMARY: San Antonio Pets Alive!'s Parvo ICU provides shelters an alternative to euthanasia for puppies that contract parvovirus. By placing puppies that contract parvo in quarantine, maintaining cross-contamination protocol and providing consistent care and treatment to puppies that have contracted parvovirus, this ICU saves a highly adoptable segment of the euthanasia list: puppies!

The Parvo ICU Tech works in the Parvo Ward individually and with volunteers. Responsibilities will include completing animal intake and discharges, medicating and caring for animals, maintaining ICU cleanliness, and keeping up with data entry.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Calculate medication dosages
- Intake and discharge patients, including bathing them out of the ward.
- Administer medications orally, subcutaneously, and intravenously
- Place catheters and drawing blood
- Communicate verbally and in writing with volunteers, other programs, peers, and Managers
- Maintain parvo ward cleanliness and organization
- Perform other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS:

- Experience as a veterinary technician
- Must be able to give injections SQ and IV, draw blood and place IV catheters
- Must be able to work in a high volume, fast-paced, high-stress environment
- Must have knowledge of standard canine illnesses

EXPECTATIONS:

- Effectively and consistently communicating the medications, needs and notes for each animal in the Parvo ICU
- Maintain a line of communication with the vet and clinic managers
- Willing and committed to working well with volunteers and staff in all roles

PHYSICAL JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be able to lift 40-50 pounds
- Must have the ability to restrain animals of varying sizes and temperaments
- Must have the ability to stand/bend/kneel for long periods of time while performing work requiring concentration and manual dexterity

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS: The Parvo Tech will be working with parvo volunteers and staff, SAPA! veterinarians, clinic staff, and members of other SAPA! Programs. This position reports directly to the Clinic Manager.

LOCATION(S): San Antonio Pets Alive! Marbach Clinic

TIME COMMITMENT: The Parvo ICU houses puppies year-round. However, during peak season, the occupancy is much higher and requires extra help. This is a part-time position for 20 hours per week.

Please submit resume to:

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Position open until filled.