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Professional Experience

Dallas Zoo & Children's Aquarium at Fair Park

January 2015 to Present

Hospital Manager

Supervise hospital staff to include four veterinary technicians, three hospital keepers, an administrative assistant, and volunteers on a daily basis to ensure proper functioning of the hospital. Oversee hospital ordering, inventory and maintain medical equipment. Responsible for training and continuing education of hospital. When needed function as a veterinary technician in all aspects.

Memphis Zoo and Aquarium

February 2014 to January 2015

Veterinary Technician

Responsibilities include phlebotomy, hematology counts, urinalysis, parasitology exams, cytology, microbiology, radiology, surgical assisting, anesthesiology, necropsies, immobilizations using blow dart, pole-syringe, Dan-inject, and Tele-inject methods, keeping superb medical records (using TRACKS), and administering treatments on a diverse collection of wild and domesticated amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. Work in conjunction with the veterinary team to oversee hospital ordering and inventory and maintain medical equipment. Work and communicate with Zookeepers to maintain the health of the animals under their care.

Alexandria Animal Clinic

October 2013 to February 2014

Veterinary Technician/Kennel worker

Responsibilities include phlebotomy, hematology counts, urinalysis, parasitology exams, cytology, radiology, surgical assisting, anesthesiology of domestic animals. Assist veterinarians with vaccines of client pets. Also work to maintain kennel area feeding and cleaning domestic animals at veterinary clinic for boarding, routine medical care and intensive care.

Alexandria Zoo

September 2012-October 2013

Animal Health Curator

Responsibilities include phlebotomy, hematology counts, urinalysis, parasitology exams, cytology, radiology, surgical assisting, anesthesiology, necropsies, immobilizations using blow dart, pole-syringe, Dan-inject, and Tele-inject methods, keeping superb medical records (using MedARKS), and administering treatments on a diverse collection of wild and domesticated amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. Developed and implemented a formal keeper internship program. Developed, implemented, supervised and trained veterinary technician interns. Work in conjunction with Zookeepers to train various animals for behaviors in order to forgo immobilization procedures. Work and communicate with Zookeepers to maintain the health of the animals under their care. Responsible for husbandry and care of animals in the hospital and quarantine as well as husbandry care of animals in the education department. Worked as a swing zookeeper for various carnivore and hoofstock areas depending on staffing.

Minnesota Zoo

January 2010-September 2012

Veterinary Technician

Responsibilities include phlebotomy, hematology counts, urinalysis, parasitology exams, cytology, radiology, surgical assisting, anesthesiology, necropsies, immobilizations using blow dart, pole-syringe, Dan-inject, and Tele-inject methods, keeping superb medical records (using MedARKS), and administering treatments on a diverse collection of wild and domesticated amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. Work in conjunction with the veterinary team to oversee hospital ordering and inventory and maintain medical equipment. Supervise and train veterinary technician student interns. Work in conjunction with Zookeepers to train various animals for behaviors in order to forgo immobilization procedures. Work and communicate with Zookeepers to maintain the health of the animals under their care.

Argosy College

April 2012-August 2012

Veterinary Technology Instructor

Plan and present Aquarium, Zoo, Exotics and Wildlife curriculum to first and second year veterinary technology students. Monitor, evaluate, and supervise student progress and adjust curriculum to meet the student needs. Communicate with students about their progress. Supervise and instruct students in hands on clinics.

Audubon Nature Institute, Audubon Zoo

March 2007-January 2010

Hospital Manager/Veterinary Technician

Supervise hospital staff to include veterinary technician, hospital keeper, part time office staff, and volunteers on a daily basis to ensure proper functioning of the hospital. Oversee hospital ordering, inventory and maintain medical equipment. In addition to managing the hospital, function as a veterinary technician and hospital keeper assisting with the husbandry and feeding of any hospitalized or quarantined animals. Also, supply veterinary technician support to the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas this also includes overseeing hospital ordering, medical inventory, maintaining medical equipment for the aquarium

Toledo Zoological Society, Toledo, Ohio

June 2001-March 2007

Senior Veterinary Technician

August 1997-May 2000

Responsibilities include phlebotomy, hematology counts, urinalysis, parasitology exams, cytology, radiology, surgical assisting, anesthesiology, necropsies, immobilizations using blow dart, pole-syringe, Dan-inject, and Tele-inject methods, keeping superb medical records (using MedARKS), and administering treatments on a diverse collection of wild and domesticated amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. Work in conjunction with the veterinary team to oversee hospital ordering and inventory and maintain medical equipment.

Coordinate hospital volunteers and applications for senior veterinary student preceptorships. Supervise and train veterinary technician student interns. Work in conjunction with Zookeepers to train various animals for behaviors in order to forgo immobilization procedures. Work and communicate with Zookeepers to maintain the health of the animals under their care. Prepare time cards bi-monthly using the Kronos system.

Stautzenberger College

June 2002-March 2007

Veterinary Technology Instructor

Plan and present clinical pathology curriculum to first and second year veterinary technology students.

Monitor, evaluate, and supervise student progress and adjust curriculum to meet the student needs.

Communicate with students about their progress. Supervise and instruct students in hands on clinics.

Disney's Animal Kingdom, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

June 2000-June 2001

Veterinary Technician

Responsibilities included phlebotomy, hematology counts, urinalysis, parasitology exams, cytology, radiology, surgical assisting, anesthesiology, necropsies, immobilizations using Tele-inject methods, keeping superb medical records (using MedARKS), administering treatments on a diverse collection of wild and domesticated amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals, as well as presented educational programs to guest that were visiting the park.

Companion Animal Emergency Clinic, Toledo, Ohio

November 1997-May 1999

Veterinary Technician

Responsibilities included triaging animals, placing catheters, phlebotomy, urinalysis, parasitology exams, administering treatments, monitoring critical care patients, anesthesiology, radiology, surgical assisting, and utilization of IDEXX for chemical and hematology analysis. Maintained hospital and medical equipment.

Educated clients and performed receptionist duties.

Animal Urgent Care, Fayetteville, North Carolina

January 1996-July 1997

Veterinary Assistant/Head Veterinary Technician

Supervised and trained technicians hired at clinic. Responsibilities included triaging animals, placing catheters, phlebotomy, urinalysis, parasitology exams, administering treatments, monitoring critical care patients, anesthesiology, radiology, surgical assisting, and utilization of IDEXX for chemical and hematology analysis. Maintained hospital and medical equipment. Educated clients and performed receptionist duties.

Douglas Byrd Senior High School, Fayetteville, North Carolina

August 1993-June 1995

Teacher

Planned and presented curriculum to tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students in Biology and Physical Science classes. Monitored, evaluated, and supervised student progress and adjusted curriculum to meet student needs. Communicated with parent/guardian student's progress.

Education**Central Carolina Community College, Sanford, North Carolina**

August 1995-May 1997

Associates in Applied Science in Veterinary Medical Technology

Methodist College, Fayetteville, North Carolina

May 1994-August 1994

Course work: Education courses for North Carolina Teacher Certification

University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina

August 1989-May 1993

Bachelors of Science in Marine Biology

Certification: SCUBA, Open Water I

Publications

Lydick, DL Tb or Not Tb in a Malayan Tapir (*Tapirus indicus*), That is the question Proceedings of Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians (2011) September 15-20: Albuquerque, (NM) 124.

Lydick, DL and J. Prom Case Management of Pyometra in a Southern Stingray (*Dasyatis americana*). Proceedings of Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians (2010) October 14-20: Los Angeles (CA) 63-67.

Lydick, DL Medical Management of a Giant Anteater (*Myrmecophaga trydactyla*) Neonate After Severe Con-Specific Trauma. Proceedings of Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians (2008) October 1-6: New Bedford (MA) 63-70.

Neiffer DL, et al. Hematologic and Plasma Biochemical Changes Associated with Fenbendazole Administration in Hermann's Tortoises (*Testudo hermanni*) Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine 36 (4): 661-672, 2005.

Kuhr, T and D. Lydick Raising Asia..Successfully Raising a Sloth Bear Cub (*Melursus ursinus inornatus*). Proceedings of Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians (2004) August 25-28: Minot (ND) 19-24.

Lydick, DL So You Want to Have a Baby..A Baby Elephant That Is. Proceedings of Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians (2002) October 2-6: Milwaukee (WI) 101-111.

Selected Qualifications and Organizations

- Proficient in MedARKS, ZIMS, and TRACKS
- Organizing committee chair member and Treasurer for the Academy of Veterinary Zoological Medicine Technicians 2009-present
- Member of the Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians, 1996-present; Proceedings Editor, 1999-2000; Secretary October 2000-2004, President August 2004-2006; Programs Co-Chair 2006-present; By-Laws Committee chair 2009-present
- Co-founder of One Journey Inc Northwest Ohio 2005-present
- Member of AAZK 2005-2010
- Member of AAZK New Orleans chapter 2007-2010
 - President 2008-2009
 - Vice President 2007-2008
- Member Toledo Chapter AAZK 2005-2007
- Member of the Accreditation Team for Stautzenberger Community College's Veterinary Technician Program 2000
- Volunteer in the Toledo Zoo's Mammal Department, June 1999-May 2000
- President of the Northwest Ohio Veterinary Technician Association, 1998-May 2000