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## **VOLUNTEER VETERINARY ASSISTANT** **Guelph Humane Society-Community Veterinary Outreach-Barn Cat Program**

### **ORGANIZATION:**

The Guelph Humane Society advocates for all animals, and in particular those animals whose lives it can influence, through care, education, community support, protection, and leadership. Founded in 1893, the Guelph Humane Society provides care and shelter for approximately 3,000 homeless, stray, injured and abused animals each year in Guelph and Wellington County. GHS is a registered charitable, non-profit organization that does not receive government funding. The GHS is interested in finding people who are passionate about animal welfare, who want to make a difference in the community, all while working as part of a positive and productive team of people. Visit [www.guelphhumane.ca](http://www.guelphhumane.ca) to discover more.

### **PROGRAM:**

The Guelph Humane Society has received a grant from PetSmart® Charities of Canada to help develop low-cost spay neuter clinics in the City of Guelph, Guelph-Eramosa and Centre Wellington. This grant will support a partnership between GHS, the University of Guelph's Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) and Community Veterinary Outreach, a charity that provides free preventive veterinary care for pets whose owners are homeless or who are vulnerably-housed. These clinics will also support the Barn Cat Program, providing spay and neuter services to owners of barn cats

### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

The veterinary assistant responsibilities include caring for surgery patients and assisting the primary surgeon, anesthesiologist and technician during the perioperative period. In doing so, the veterinary assistant will gain confidence in surgery and anesthesia and contribute to the welfare of pets in our community.

### **KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES:**

- facilitate client communications and communications between other volunteers and supervising veterinarians
- ensure on time arrival/departure times for the transportation of animals
- aid in the transport of animals with a provided vehicle
- admit and examine incoming patients; performing "TPR's" and animal restraint

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- ensure accurate completion of consent forms, patient medical records, discharge instructions etc.
- identify and perform procedures in addition to surgery, as needed (application of flea/tick prevention, perform vaccinations, microchipping etc.)
- assist in calculating/drawing up anesthetic drugs
- assist in induction and recovery of anesthesia
- assist primary surgeon during surgery as needed
- perform cleaning of holding cages and public areas following proper disease control protocols
- behave in a manner that upholds both personal and professional standards, as an ambassador of the Guelph Humane Society and the Ontario Veterinary College, at all times
- all other duties, as assigned

#### **QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:**

- Volunteers must currently be enrolled as students at the Ontario Veterinary College

#### **Physical Requirements:**

- Volunteers must be:
  - physically fit enough to work standing or sitting for an 8-hour work day and be capable of bending down, crawling and lifting patients of varying sizes repeatedly throughout the day
  - relatively agile and able to move through tightly cramped areas
  - able to use a ladder and step stool
  - possess good hand-eye coordination

#### **Emotional/Mental Requirements:**

- Volunteers must be able to:
  - work efficiently and effectively under stressful conditions
  - assist in responding quickly in the case of a medical emergency
  - cope with death due to surgical complication or euthanasia
  - recognize the need for assistance, rapidly and accurately process information and make decisions

#### **Exposure:**

- Volunteers may be exposed to:

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- various aqueous solutions including dish soap, hydrogen peroxide, chlorhexidine, formalin and alcohol solutions (accommodations can be made for those with sensitivities)
- isoflurane gas
- quaternary ammonium cleaners and bleach
- pressurized steam
- sharps; needles, surgical blades