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## **VOLUNTEER VETERINARY TECHNICIAN** **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:**

Veterinary technician duties include facilitating communications with clients and coworkers, performing anesthesia, assisting the veterinary surgeon, guiding veterinary assistants and caring for surgical patients in the perioperative period.

### **KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES:**

Veterinary Technicians will:

- assist in animal restraint and administration of drugs
- handle and track controlled substances for large volumes of surgical patients
- have a clear understanding of normal vital parameters for the induction and monitoring of anesthesia
- identify painful animals and notify a veterinarian
- assist the primary surgeon as needed

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- assist in admitting/discharging patients including delivery of post-operative instructions
- be able to respond accurately and take directions from a veterinarian in the case of a medical emergency
- be familiar with current CPCR guidelines
- communicate any issues concerning staff, patients, surgical/medical protocols and disease control protocols with the Spay Neuter Coordinator
- follow standard operating procedures
- 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:**

- Must be a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) in the province of Ontario (licensed through the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians)
- Must maintain all current and correct licensure

#### **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