

The Athens Area Humane Society rescues and protects companion animals by providing for their wellbeing, uniting them with loving homes, and advocating for a compassionate society. Founded in 1899, AAHS is among the first charitable organizations in Athens and one of its most beloved.

Position Overview

The RVT is the veterinarian's primary medical support and plays a critical role within the clinic. Under the supervision of staff veterinarians, the RVT applies their professional technical skills in anesthesia, surgery, dentistry, laboratory testing, patient care, and client education.

Roles & Responsibilities

- Provide technical assistance to shelter veterinarians and communicate changes in patient condition, results of diagnostic tests and procedures and treatment questions.
- Diagnostics and health assessment of shelter animals
- Care of shelter pets including emergency and intensive care as required.
- Patient and equipment preparation for diagnostic procedures.
- Monitoring and evaluating shelter animals.
- Administration of medication.
- Monitor animals, draw medications, administer medications, shave, intubate and generally prepare animal for surgery as required by veterinarian including blood draws.
- Efficiently pre-medicate, induce, and intubate any and all patients as necessary.
- Able to monitor anesthesia, with a clear idea of abnormal conditions.
- Ensure prompt and accurate paperwork procedures are followed each day.
- Communicate with clients and assist with rechecks as needed.
- Knowledge and ability to intake and release owned or fostered pets, including delivering instructions in a competent and friendly manner.
- Maintain records and manage controlled and non-controlled medications as directed.
- Responsible for maintaining clean work area and animal holding areas.
- Assist Clinic Manager with patient scheduling and inventory of medical supplies
- Take an active role in training veterinary support staff.

Qualifications

- Associates in veterinary technology needed and/or have met requirement for licensure in GA State.
- Ability to work effectively and collaboratively with veterinarians, veterinary and shelter staff in a dynamic shelter environment.
- Technical skills including phlebotomy, medication dose calculation, knowledge of animal anatomy, medical terminology, anesthetic induction and recovery, and knowledge of disease transmission in a shelter environment.
- Excellent interpersonal and proactive problem-solving skills.

- Knowledge of surgical instruments and sterile technique.
- Ability to carry out both verbal and written instructions.
- Must be compassionate and highly organized.
- Highly motivated, enthusiastic self-starter with a positive, professional attitude.
- Must be proficient at animal restraint for various procedures
- Ability to use Clinic HQ and practice management software (training provided).
- Basic knowledge and understanding of Microsoft Office Suite.
- Exhibit strong attention to detail.
- Bilingual highly desired.

Schedule

Mon–Thurs (4-10) with ability to work occasional Saturdays for special vaccine clinics.

Compensation & Benefits

AAHS offers an extremely competitive recruitment package including the following:

- Competitive salary based on experience: \$48,000-\$50,000
- Relocation reimbursement up to \$3,000
- Up to \$1,500 annually for continuing education support
- Paid membership to GVMA
- Medical, dental, and vision benefits with 80% employer paid premium
- 401K with up to 5% employer match
- Generous paid time off
- Positive, energetic, supportive work culture
- Opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the lives of thousands of companion animals

Location

Athens, GA is the home of the University of Georgia. Known as the Classic City, Athens has a vibrant music, cultural, and culinary scene. Great weather and beautiful natural surroundings, Athens has something for everyone!

To Apply

Please email resume to Cheryl McCormick, Ph.D., at: cheryl@athenshumanesociety.org.

Physical Demands & Work Environment

- Ability to communicate effectively in English
- Ability to restrain animals in a safe and appropriate manner
- Ability to perform radiographs and to comply with state and federal guidelines regarding PPE and exposure to radiation safety
- Potential/prolonged exposure to isoflurane gas
- Ability to lift and/or move up to 50 pounds consistently, including sedated animals

- Ability to tolerate working with various chemicals and cleaning solutions, loud noises, and offensive odors
- Potential/prolonged exposure to various aqueous solutions, including, but not limited to, dish soap, chlorhexidine, isopropanol, hydrogen peroxide, and bleach
- Ability to comfortably interact with companion animals
- Ability to sit, stand, walk, bend, stoop, kneel, crouch, and crawl
- Ability to see, read, write, talk, and hear
- Ability use hands and fingers, handle or operate objects, reach with hands and arms; climb and balance
- Ability to move throughout the building as needed to meet the requirements of the job

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Statement

We work to recruit diverse candidates and ensure our team members have all the tools they need to be successful. Our mission is most effectively fulfilled through proactively supporting the values of equity, inclusion, and diversity. Diversity may be measured by, but is not limited to, differences in age, ethnicity, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, class, religion, disability, geography, and profession. We acknowledge and respect the many differences that comprise thriving communities and seek diversity in our staff to ensure that a range of perspectives, opinions, and experiences are recognized and acted upon in achieving our purpose. We intend to promote a fully equitable animal welfare sector that justly represents and serves all our constituencies. Consequently, we strongly encourage applications from candidates of color, LGBTQ+ identity, and other historically marginalized communities.

Disclaimer:

This job description in no way states or implies that these are the only duties to be performed by the employee(s) incumbent in this position. Employees are required to follow any other job-related instructions and perform any other job-related duties requested by any person authorized to give instructions or assignments. All duties and responsibilities are essential functions and requirements and are subject to possible modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities. To perform this job successfully, the incumbents will possess the skills, aptitudes, and abilities to perform each duty proficiently. Some requirements may exclude individuals who pose a direct threat or significant risk to themselves or others' health or safety. The requirements listed in this document are the minimum levels of knowledge, skills, or abilities. This document does not create an employment contract, implied or otherwise, other than an "at-will" relationship.