

**Job Title: SURGICAL VET ASSISTANT**  
**Reports to: CLINIC MANAGER, CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR**  
**FLSA Classification: NON-EXEMPT**  
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## POSITION SUMMARY

Surgical Vet Assistants perform daily tasks in the Spay/Neuter clinic to maintain a clean and efficient working environment for the veterinarians and other members of the clinic team.

## POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES - ESSENTIAL

*This list of tasks is illustrative ONLY and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by positions in this class. It does not imply that all positions within the class perform all of the duties listed, nor does it necessarily list all possible duties that may be assigned.*

- Assist with public animal intake.
- Log, weigh and pre-medicate all public animals on surgery logs.
- Log, weigh and pre-medicate all shelter surgery animals on surgery logs.
- Administer microchips, vaccines, flea medications, penicillin, etc. (as needed).
- Draw blood for and complete heartworm and FeLV/FIV tests if needed.
- Obtain a fecal sample and run a parvo test if needed.
- Complete paperwork on surgery animals (including post-operation instructions, microchip forms, rabies certificates, etc.).
- Help induce, intubate, shave, and prepare all surgery animals; monitor closely.
- Assist veterinarian in surgery when necessary.
- Monitor all surgery animals post-operatively.
- Discharge all public animals and counsel owners on post-operative instructions.
- Restock all syringes, vaccines, gauze, Isoflurane, etc. as necessary.
- Wash, dry, and fold laundry throughout the day.
- Clean surgical instruments, assemble surgical packs and autoclave them.
- Keep all countertops, sink areas, surgery tables, and preparation tables clean and organized.
- All floors should be swept and mopped at the end of each work day.
- All holding rooms should be kept clean and neat.
- Cages should be patrolled throughout the day to check on the animals.
- All cages, kennels, and runs should be clean and papered before leaving for the work day; remaining animals should be fed and given water (as appropriate).
- Handle client questions and concerns when necessary.
- Lock all controlled substances in safe (when not in use).

## ESSENTIAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Educational background—High School Diploma or Equivalent.
- Professional demeanor and good communication skills with the ability to work well with others in a fast-paced environment.
- Excellent customer service skills
- Demonstrates strong organizational skills (record keeping, time management, follow up, etc.).
- Strong verbal and written communication skills; interpersonal skills.
- Relationship management-- ability to be persuasive and provide leadership to subordinates.

- Ability to create and foster a collaborative team environment.
- Excellent attention to detail and sense of urgency, ability to prioritize with an emphasis on quality and accuracy of work.
- Strong analytical, strategic problem solving and reasoning ability.
- Ability to take direction, follow instructions accurately and accept constructive criticism.

### BENEFICIAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- General knowledge of animal health and welfare.
- Experience with animal handling and behavior.
- Greater than 2 years in veterinary technician position.
- Animal medical knowledge.

### REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

This position reports to the Clinic Manager and Chief Medical Director.

### KEY MEASURES

- Overall health of animals
- Facility cleanliness
- Teamwork
- Time Management
- Decision Making
- Efficiency/Organization

### ORGANIZATIONAL COMPETENCIES

<b>Transparency and Integrity</b>	Behaves consistently across situations and ensures that words and actions are aligned. Admits mistakes and accepts responsibility.
<b>Decision-Making</b>	Seeks to discover the root causes of problems, rather than addressing symptoms. Avoids over or under analyzing problems/issues. Makes decisions by weighing multiple factors, some of which may not fully defined. Considers the risks and consequences of action and/or decisions.
<b>Teamwork and Collaboration</b>	Builds and maintains routine business relationships with peers and others inside and outside of the organization. Adds value to the team environment and interacts with a positive attitude.
<b>Innovation</b>	Respectfully challenges the status quo by analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of current approaches. Modifies and adapts current methods and approaches to better meet needs.

### MENTAL & PHYSICAL DEMANDS- ADA GUIDELINES

#### Physical Demands

Stand	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Walk	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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Sit	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Handling / Fingering	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Reach Outward	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Reach Above Shoulder	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Climb	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Crawl	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Squat or Kneel	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Bend	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Lifting Requirements</b>				
10 pounds or less	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
11 to 20 pounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
21 to 50 pounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
51 to 100 pounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
> than 100 pounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Pushing and Pulling Requirements</b>				
12 pounds or less	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
13 to 25 pounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
26 to 40 pounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
41 to 100 pounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
> than 100 pounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequently	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Definitions</b>				
<b>N/A</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>	Activity is not applicable to this occupation.		
<b>O</b>	<b>Occasionally</b>	Occupation requires this activity up to 33% of the time (0 - 2.5+ hrs/day)		
<b>F</b>	<b>Frequently</b>	Occupation requires this activity from 33% - 66% of the time (2.5 - 5.5+ hrs/day)		
<b>C</b>	<b>Constantly</b>	Occupation requires this activity more than 66% of the time (5.5+ hrs/day)		

*The Company has reviewed this job description to ensure that essential functions and basic duties have been included. It is intended to provide guidelines for job expectations and the employee's ability to perform the position described. It is not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all functions, responsibilities, skills and abilities. Additional functions and requirements may be assigned by supervisors as deemed appropriate. This document does not represent an expressed or implied contract of employment nor does it alter your at-will employment, and the Company reserves the right to change this job description and/or assign tasks for the employee to perform, as the Company may deem appropriate.*

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Print Employee Name

Employee Signature

Date Signed

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Print Manager/Supervisor Name

Manager/Supervisor Signature

Date Signed