



## REGISTERED ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGIST

### ***Required Immediately***

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Looking for a fulfilling career where you will make a difference for the lost and unwanted animals of central Alberta? Red Deer & District Humane Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a max-adopt facility, is seeking a part-time RAHT for their new, progressive and state-of-the-art Animal Wellness Centre. Competitive salary, flexible scheduling, prorated ABMVA dues and CE allowance, uniforms, and employee incentive programs plus a friendly team environment are just a few of the attractive features of this exciting new position.

Red Deer & District Humane Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is an animal care and humane education centre. We create a legacy of caring by providing a safe refuge for the lost and unwanted animals of central Alberta. We foster respect for life by advocating inherent worth, compassion and dignity. In pursuit of responsible pet ownership and by working in collaboration with our community and partner agencies WE WILL INSPIRE CHANGE.

This position provides assistance and works in consultation to Red Deer and District SPCA's veterinarian. Animal Health Technologist must have successfully graduated from a recognized two-year diploma program in Animal Health Sciences. AHT must be a registered active member of the Alberta Association of Animal Health Technologists. AHT works with Animal Care Manager and Animal Care Staff in disease prevention and assessment of wellness of SPCA owned animals. AHT assists the licensed veterinarian in medical, behavioral and surgical/anesthetic procedures. AHT reports directly to Animal Care Manager and indirectly to SPCA Veterinarian.

1. Conducts or assists the veterinarian to perform physical examinations (wellness, prompted by injury or illness, or observable condition)
2. Performs and monitors anesthesia appropriately under supervision of licensed DVM.
3. Ensures surgical logs, controlled drug logs and medical records are complete and accurate.
4. Ensures surgical suite and equipment are maintained and ready for use.
5. Ensures that Red Deer & District SPCA Animal Wellness Center is up to PIPS (Practice Inspection and Practice Standards)
6. Prepares animals for examination or surgery.
7. Collects laboratory specimens, such as blood, urine and fecal matter, for routine and diagnostic testing.
8. Handles, restrains and cares for animals undergoing treatment and surgery
9. Provides nursing care and rehabilitation therapy for animals.
10. Educates clients on various animal health topics including nutrition, veterinary care and behavioral needs.
11. Performs skin scrapings and other routine laboratory tests to assist in diagnosis of animal health problems.
12. Records temperature, pulse and respiration, dresses wounds, applies splints and other protective devices.

13. Under direction of veterinarian, prepares and administers medications, vaccines, fluids and blood products; administers catheterizations - urinary, arterial, and venous.
14. Provides wound and bandage care.
15. Performs ear flushes, intravenous feedings and tube feedings.
16. Conducts specialized procedures such as animal identification (tattoos and microchips).
17. Perform routine animal dental prophylaxis, and assists veterinarian with other components of dentistry.
18. Maintain treatment records and inventory of all pharmaceuticals equipment and supplies.
19. May perform a variety of administrative tasks as required.
20. Attends staff meeting or reads meeting minutes if unable to attend.
21. Updates operational knowledge by reading correspondence and information boards daily.
22. Encourages and promotes a team environment at the centre.

Please direct any questions to:

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If you are an enthusiastic, compassionate and motivated individual with a positive attitude, great communication skills and customer focus, as well as a strong desire to make a difference, please forward applications, including references and salary expectations, to:

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