
APPLICANT TASK OBSERVATION

Name: _____

Dear Veterinarian or Licensed Veterinary Technician,

The Truckee Meadows Community College Veterinary Technician Program asks that our prospective students observe interactions with veterinary patients and veterinary related procedures in order that they may gain an understanding of the field prior to pursuing a career as a Licensed Veterinary Technician. We appreciate your time in allowing students to observe in your workplace. A total of 50 hours are required for experience prior to entering the Veterinary Technician Program. The fifty hours do not need to be completed at one facility, however. Experiences at various facilities are encouraged as this puts less strain on one particular facility to accommodate a volunteer. As this form will be turned in with the program application in May, volunteers can observe a few hours weekly over a few months to accommodate the hospital's and applicant's schedules. Volunteering at the local shelters to gain an understanding of animal behavior and care is acceptable, though we do encourage applicants to get a range of experiences so that the tasks below can be completed.

The applicant is to observe in the main areas below (recommended tasks/procedures listed). Please initial tasks the volunteer (applicant) has completed.

_____ *(please initial)* **The applicant has observed tasks related to Animal Nursing.**

- Observe physical examinations
- Observe daily treatment of hospitalized patients
- Observe LVT interaction with the patient for work-up (radiographs, blood draw, etc)
- Observe IV catheter placement and administration of fluid therapy

_____ *(please initial)* **The applicant has observed tasks related to Surgery.**

- Observe both major and minor surgery
- Observe dental prophylaxis
- Observe operation of a gas anesthetic machine and monitoring equipment
- Observe equipment sterilization and aseptic technique

_____ *(please initial)* **The applicant has observed tasks related to the Clinical Laboratory.**

- Observe parasitology – skin scrapings, parasite ova, etc. via microscopic examination
- Observe blood cells and/or urine sediment under the microscope
- Observe in-house blood testing (use of clinical machines and ELISA test kits)

_____ *(please initial)* **The applicant has observed tasks related to the Veterinary Office.**

- Observe interaction with clients
- Observe telephone procedures and making of appointments
- Observe record keeping

By initialing the above tasks and completing the time sheet on the following page, the applicant has received an introduction to the field of veterinary technology. Thank you.

Hospital/Facility: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone or email address: _____

