

BINDER PARK ZOO

**Veterinary Fellowship**

**REPORTS TO:** Staff Veterinarian

**SEASONAL OR NONSEASONAL:** Non-Seasonal, Benefitted

**FLSA STATUS:** Full-time, Salaried / Exempt

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

Binder Park Zoo is offering a one-year clinical veterinary fellowship position. The fellow will join the zoo’s Animal Health team which consists of one full time veterinarian and one full time licensed veterinary technician. They will participate in all aspect of the zoo’s veterinary care including; anesthesia, examinations, diagnostics, treatment plans, surgery, record keeping, etc. The fellow will be encouraged to complete at least one original study and submit at least one publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Opportunities exist for collaboration with Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. They will be expected to participate in topic rounds and journal club and attend the Mid-West Regional Zoo Vet meetings. This fellowship will provide the necessary experience for a person to pursue a zoological residency or obtain a clinical position at a zoo. Assist the Zoo in the accomplishment of its mission to connect people with nature and inspire them to conserve through managing all aspects of animal health and research in cooperation with the wildlife management staff.

**POSITION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Requires a DVM degree from an accredited university
- License to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Michigan
- Minimum of one year post-graduate experience in small, large or exotic clinical setting (internship or private practice)
- Possess a valid Michigan driver’s license or obtain within 90 days of active employment
- Must be available weekends, holidays and evenings for emergencies. Routine schedule may include one weekend day a week.
- Excellent organizational, communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to work as an educator and team member a must
- Up-to-date vaccinations for tetanus and rabies required and negative Tb test results within past 6 months

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Perform all services in a competent manner consistent with acceptable practices of the veterinary and zoo professions
- Responsible for working with the Animal Health department and zoo staff to maintain and improve a comprehensive program of veterinary medicine which includes but is not restricted to: preventative medicine, necropsy, nutrition, animal health and welfare maintenance, treatment of ill and injured animals, emergency care and participation in appropriate research

**SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- N/A

**PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS:**

- Ability to work both outdoors and indoors, with exposure to all weather conditions, which may include wet, icy or muddy conditions and different terrains. Must be able to work a long and demanding schedule if needed
- Ability to read, speak and write English in order to fulfill job functions in an understandable way
- Ability to perform job functions using the zoo’s network technology including all hardware and software programs
- May be exposed to hazardous material
- Must be able to lift at least 50lbs.

**APPROVAL:**

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Supervisor Signature

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Date

**STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE:**

I have received a copy of the job description for Staff Veterinary Fellowship. I have read the requirements as outlined and understand this is not an exhaustive list of duties, but an overview of the general duties and responsibilities of the position.

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Employee Signature

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Print Name

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Date

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