

# **SARS-Co-2 Vaccine for Cats in Development**

BY: SAMANTHA BARTLETT, DVM

Applied DNA Sciences and EvviVax have been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to conduct a trial for a vaccine against COVID-19 in cats.

The trial will follow 15 healthy client-owned cats for six months during and after vaccination. The cats will receive two doses of vaccine given 30 days apart. The companies will monitor the safety of the vaccine and the cats' immune responses over the 6 month period.

Applied DNA Sciences and EvviVax believe cats could be a potential reservoir for human infections. Another concern is that domestic cats could eventually transmit the virus to wildlife forming an uncontrolled reservoir of infection. There are no cases known where cats have transmitted the virus to people. In the approximately 40 known cases of COVID-19 in cats, people were suspected as the source of infection. Regardless, cats currently do not seem to be affected in significant numbers and most have mild symptoms.

If the trial is successful, the companies will perform another trial challenging the vaccine against the virus. Then, they will apply for conditional approval from USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service so they can offer the vaccine on the commercial market. The vaccine might be attractive to zoos with populations of large cats Cases of COVID-19 in big cats, including tigers, lions, and a puma, have been documented at the Bronx and Knoxville Zoos and a zoo in Johannesburg.

The President and CEO of Applied DNA Sciences, James A. Hayward, expects that the trials for the feline vaccine will also help by providing useful data for human COVID-19 vaccine trials. It may also help toward the development of a vaccine for other animals, particularly mink. Mink farms have been particularly hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and many farms have had to cull their populations.

The USDA currently does not feel that COVID-19 vaccines for pets are an urgent need and are not granting any approvals for COVID-19 vaccines. They are, however, accepting applications for vaccines for minks. Zoetis is in talks with USDA on the development of a mink vaccine. Zoetis believes this vaccine can be rapidly adapted for dogs and cats in the future.



# FDA Conditionally Approved First Oral Tablet to Treat Canine Lymphoma

**BY: SAMANTHA BARTLETT, DVM** 

A new treatment for canine lymphoma, developed by Anivive, has been conditionally approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Anivive is a pharmaceutical startup that uses software to speed up development of new therapy options for pets. The lymphoma pharmaceutical is called Laverdia-CA1 and is an oral tablet designed for at-home twice weekly therapy of canine lymphoma.

The product uses SINE technology to inhibit Exportin-1 (XPO1), which block the export of tumor suppressor proteins. By inhibiting XPO1, the drug restores the cell's anti-cancer defenses. Laverdia-CA1 is effective for both B-cell and T-cell lymphoma in new diagnoses and cases of relapse. Common side effects include vomiting, anorexia, diarrhea, weight loss and lethargy. Because the treatment has a different mechanism of action from other cytotoxic treatments of lymphoma, it does not cause bone marrow suppression.

The effectiveness of Laverdia =-CA1 was explored in a study of 58 client-owned dogs with B- or T-cell

lymphoma. Seventeen of the dogs had no progression of lymphoma for 56 days after taking Laverdia-CA1. Of those seventeen, three did not show progression after 182 days.

Prescribing veterinarians are provided with detailed user safety information and instructions for handling and administering the drug. A client information sheet is also provided and explains how to handle and safely clean up after the dog while undergoing treatment. Clean up during treatment includes handling food and water bowls, feces, urine, vomit or saliva from the dog and should continue throughout treatment and for three days after treatment.

Conditional approval from the FDA means that the drug will be available for use in dogs while the company continues to perform clinical trials in an effort to receive full approval from the FDA. Anivive has several projects in the works including a vaccine for fungal infection causing Valley Fever in canines and a treatment for FIP. The company is also exploring the use of Laverdia-CA1 in dogs with osteosarcoma.

# Regulatory Standards on Pet Health Insurance Under Consideration

BY: SAMANTHA BARTLETT. DVM

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Pet Insurance Working Group is developing a model law to establish rules for the sale of pet insurance and provision of disclosures to consumers purchasing the insurance. The impact of the model law will vary as states do not have to implement the law and can pick and choose which portions of the law they would like to adopt. The working group was formed as the result of a white paper entitled, "A Regulator's Guide to Pet Insurance," released by NAIC in 2019.

About 20 companies comprise the pet insurance industry across the United States and Canada. The 2020 State of the Industry Report from the North American Pet Health Insurance Association states approximately 2.82 million dogs and cats were insured at the end of 2019 in the U.S. and Canada. Regulation of pet health insurance

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# Shelters Use AI to Help Find Owners of Rescued Dogs

BY: SAMANTHA BARTLETT, DVM

Shelters and rescues are increasingly turning to artificial intelligence software to help find homes for lost animals. Some focus more on finding lost dogs while other focus on using AI for algorithms to help shelter animals find their forever homes.

Shadow, an AI startup, has developed an app for finding lost dogs. The app uses pictures posted by shelters and on social networks to find a match for owner-supplied pictures of lost dogs. The app finds possible matches to the dog's photo and offers to help the owner find the pet. Researchers working with pet2net recently published a study stating AI recognition software can be up to 95% accurate in identifying dogs in social media images. Shadow started in the New York area in 2018. Since then it has reunited almost 10,000 dogs with their families. More information on the app can be found at shadowapp. com/. Another app, Finding Rover, works in a similar fashion to Shadow and has found approximately 15,000 lost dogs to date.

On the other side of the equation, many shelters are using AI to help find homes for stray animals. AI is used to profile individual animals as well as potential future owners leading to more suitable adoption outcomes. Shelters are also using AI to map out hotspots for abandoned animals and to determine where to best allocate resources such as community education campaigns and low cost vaccination and spay/neuter resources.

A company in China developed a smart shelter for cats. The many cameras feed into an AI system that can identify and open the door for individual cats and determine whether they have spayed or neutered by their ear crop. Cats inside have access to a warm environment with food and water. The system is also capable of informing handlers if an animal appears ill.

An animal shelter in Stockton, California is using an AI program to find an animal's best angle when photographing it for adoption photos. This is especially helpful with timid or frightened animals that don't always take the best pictures. The program, called Adoptimize, analyzes the pet from a short video and creates still pictures from the best views. Currently two other shelters besides Stockton are participating in a pilot program.

While applications are currently limited in use, it is clear that artificial intelligence can play a big role in increasing adoption rates and decreasing incoming populations for animal shelters in the future.

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varies from state to state with some similarities from state to state. While the model law will provide more uniformity from state to state, it will not have much impact on the day-to-day of the veterinary practice.

The AVMA has a significant role in the working group and the drafting of the model law. For example, the AVMA helped suggest a definition for preexisting condition and has an impact on discussions as to whether veterinary team members need to be trained by insurance companies to discuss insurance products with clients. The AVMA would like to remove any obstacles preventing veterinary staff from being able to discuss insurance products with clients as they believe it would have a negative impact on the industry overall. The AVMA has a webinar on the benefits of pet health insurance as well as a pet health insurance policy page that provides resources to help veterinary teams educate clients on insurance products at https:// www.avma.org/resourcestools/avma-policies/pethealth-insurance.



# **Airlines Issuing New Policies for Transporting Animals**

BY: SAMANTHA BARTLETT. DVM

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is changing rules regarding flying with emotional support animals. The Air Carrier Access Act will be revised to define a service animal as "a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability." This would exclude emotional support animals under the heading of service animal. This change in the wording of the act allows air carriers to ban emotional support animals if they choose. Individual airlines will set their own policies but they must conform to DOT rules once they are officially published.

Pervious guidance issued last year from the DOT established that airlines could not restrict passengers from flying with their emotional support animals. DOT also stated that airlines could not ban specific breeds or species of support animals. The new rules will still prohibit airlines from refusing service dogs based on breed.

Under the new guidance, airlines will be allowed to require passengers flying with service animals to fill out a form up to 48 hours before travel and they will also be allowed to require the service animal to fit in the passenger's foot space.

The DOT received 15,000 public comments on the policy proposal earlier this year. Disability advocates

and airline personnel are in favor of the rule change. Flight attendants have been pushing for revision to reduce the risk to flight personnel. Airlines for America found that more than a million people flew with emotional support animals on U.S. airlines in 2018.

American, Delta, United, JetBlue, Spirit, Alaska and Frontier airlines have said they will no longer allow emotional support animals to fly in the cabin. Animals considered to be comfort or emotional support, including dogs, ducks, rabbits and others, will no longer be allowed to fly for free or without being in a carrier. For now, Southwest Airlines has not changed its policies and will still allow emotional support animals with appropriate documentation.

Travelers will fill out a DOT form stating the dog's health, training and behavior at least 48 hours before flying. The form does ask for contact information of the person or organization that trained the dog. The DOT rule does not require service animals to be trained by a third party, meaning an owner can train his own dog to perform a task or function for him. Passengers must also acknowledge that if they knowingly provide false information they can be prosecuted. IF the dog shows behavior not consistent with the training of a service animal, the airline can consider the dog can be treated as a pet and the owner can then be charged accordingly.

### **MARCH CE**

### **Answering Common Pet Owner Nutrition Questions**

Evaluating nutritional information and making recommendations. Helps to answer common questions regarding organic and natural diets, misunderstood ingredients & supplements.

**Date:** March 18, 2021 at 7pm **CE:** 1.5 Hours

**Presenter:** Taylor Francis, DVM **Fee:** No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required by

**Location:** Online (Link will be provided at a later date) March 15th. Current membership dues cover all CE.

Sponsor: Purina

### **APRIL CE**

### The Latest in Joint Supplements: Beyond Glucosamine Chondroitin

This presentation will cover a general overview of osteoarthritis and strategies for management via neutraceuticals. Dr Alvarez will also review the current evidence for joint supplements available on the market with an emphasis on the latest advancements. Practical advice on how to incorporate neutraceuticals with a multimodal joint management plan will also be presented.

**Date:** April 15, 2021 at 7pm **CE:** 1.5 Hours

**Presenter:** Dr. Leilani Alvarez **Fee:** No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required by

**Location:** Online (Link will be provided at a later date) April 12th. Current membership dues cover all CE.

Sponsor: Virbac

#### **ABOUT:**

Dr. Leilani Alvarez is the Director of Integrative and Rehabilitative Medicine at the Animal Medical Center in New York City. She is a board-certified diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation and certified in veterinary acupuncture, canine rehabilitation, and Chinese herbal medicine. Dr. Alvarez graduated with high honors from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine and completed her internship and residency at the Animal Medial Center. She has been practicing veterinary rehabilitation for over 10 years and leads one of only five traditional residency programs in canine sports medicine and rehabilitation. In addition to running a busy rehabilitation practice, Dr. Alvarez is a frequent lecturer at local, national and international meetings, teaches interns and residents and has published articles in peer-reviewed journals and books. Her research interests include neurologic rehabilitation, geriatric medicine, regenerative therapies, and joint supplements.



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#### February 23, 2021

**Relief Veterinarians** 

Pet Resource Center of Kansas City is seeking relief veterinarians to help with offsite vaccination clinics on Saturdays. These clinics practice safe social distancing and are set up as a drive thru clinic which serves 150 + pets in one day. Hours vary but typically run 8:30 to 1:00pm Veterinarians are paid flat rate of \$600 per event.

Sign up now by reaching out to our Chief Veterinarian Jess Nichols jnichols@prckc.org

#### February 23, 2021

Pet Resource Center of Kansas City is seeking Part time OR Full Time Veterinarians

Organization Overview: The Pet Resource Center of Kansas City (PRCKC) is a community resource Organization focused on preventative solutions to keepings pets in the homes of the people who love them. Our mission is to increase pet retention and improve the quality of life for pets through education and supportive services for families in need. We pride ourselves in acknowledging our diverse community with a nonjudgmental and compassionate approach. Our organization provides services to over 25,000 pets annually, with an emphasis on spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, and resource distribution — with the goal of enabling our community pets to live long, healthy and happy lives.

Our veterinarians and technicians help support our mission in several capacities, including our walk-in Wellness Care Clinic, mobile or offsite vaccination clinics, spay/neuter surgery clinic and special medical assistance for other medical procedures and services. Mobile vaccination clinics take place in both Missouri and Kansas.

About this role: PRCKC currently has a team of three full time veterinarians and is looking to add a fourth team member. Enjoy weekends off with a Monday thru Friday practice, with the exception of occasional Saturdays for special clinics, if available. Veterinarians work from 8-4/4:30 with a regular lunch break. PRCKC prioritizes mental health and work life balance, with an emphasis on utilizing Paid Time Off. Additionally, with multiple relief veterinarians on staff, we are able to allow flexibility with scheduling and vacation time.

Competitive salary and sign on bonus options! Would love to give you a tour and show you why you should join our team. For more information or to apply click here:

https://prckc.org/about-pet-resource-center-kansas-city/job-opportunities/

#### **February 19, 2021**

Raymore Veterinary Center is a busy 3 doctor small animal practice in Raymore, MO. Our hospital is growing rapidly and we are in need of 1 or 2 additional veterinarians.

Raymore Veterinary Center offers:

- Generous compensation package
- Base and bonus compensation
- 3 weeks PTO
- · Paid holidays
- Flexible work schedule
- Monday Friday hours. No weekends or emergency. Every Saturday and Sunday off!
- Paid continuing education, time off and expenses
- In-house Idexx laboratory equipment and digital radiology, IM3 dental unit, dental radiology, well equipped surgical suite including a CO2 laser surgical unit.
- Easy referral to multiple 24-hour emergency and specialty facilities in the area.



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- We have a caring and supportive staff and you will work side-by-side other veterinarians daily.
- We foster a strong collaborative work environment. Beautiful, updated and CLEAN facility.
- We have five exam rooms, a large treatment area, lab and a separate surgical suite.
- We are flexible and would welcome full or part time applicants of any experience level.

#### About Raymore Veterinary Center

Raymore Veterinary Center is a small animal practice in Raymore, MO, a suburb just south of Kansas City, MO. We are a busy 3 doctor practice. Our hospital is growing rapidly and we are in need of additional veterinarians. Our hospital has been established in our community for more than 15 years. We treat each patient and their family as our own family. We have a seasoned and experienced staff because this is a great place to work! Our team is progressive and dedicated to constant improvement. We like to go above and beyond to provide the absolute best care for our patients and their families.

#### February 18, 2021

Looking for a Veterinary Medical Director/ Associate to join our 11-doctor network. Voted Kansas City's Best Veterinarian in 2019 and 2020! Eagle Animal Hospital is celebrating 75 years of veterinary care and has expanded to Kansas City and Liberty. We are looking to add a Veterinary Medical Director/Associate at our newly added Liberty location working in conjunction with an established leadership team. The Medical Director will serve as a mentor and leader to associates and staff at Eagle Animal Hospital. The MD must have strong interpersonal skills and focus achieving the highest quality of care as possible to our clients and patients. We have an established clientele in place and are rapidly growing. Great benefits and competitive pay available. Check out our website at www.EagleAnimalHospital.com. Please send a resume to eaglevet4@yahoo.com.

#### February 18, 2021

Looking for a veterinarian to join our 11-doctor practice. Voted Kansas City's Best Veterinarian in 2019 and 2020! Eagle Animal Hospital has expanded to Kansas City and Liberty. We are looking to add an associate veterinarian at our Riverside and Tiffany Springs practices. We strive to offer the best customer experience possible, celebrating 75 years of service to our community in the Kansas City Northland. We have an established clientele in place and are rapidly growing. Laparoscopy, Ultrasound, and CT Scans, Acupuncture, Laser surgery, Laser therapy, and orthopedic surgery are offered at our Riverside location. Along with our great support staff, this makes for a superior work environment. Great benefits and competitive pay available. Check out our website at www. EagleAnimalHospital.com. Please send a resume to eaglevet4@yahoo.com.

#### February 16, 2021

We are a fun, fast-paced, five doctor small animal veterinary hospital looking for a part-time or full-time veterinarian to add to our clinic team. The ideal candidate is personable, flexible, and displays a positive attitude for helping our patients, our clients, and fellow coworkers each day. We are looking for a veterinarian who is caring, compassionate, and responsible with a passion for providing excellence in medicine, surgery, and preventative care. We learn daily from our patients, our clients and each other – we want a team member who is continually willing to learn and strive to improve. We would love to hire a confident self-starter with experience but are willing to help cultivate and train the right new graduate.

Our well-established clinic continues to grow – which helps to ensure the doctors have a varied caseload and are able to practice high quality diagnostics and treatments. Our busy days balance appointments every 30 minutes alongside drop-off services, surgeries, dentals, and other procedures. Support staff include 7 registered veterinary

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technicians and 2 vet tech students along with a well-staffed reception team, kennel team and 5 groomers.

Interesting aspects of our clinic: We are transitioning to electronic medical records and utilize Cornerstone software; we have IDEXX in-house laboratory equipment, computerized radiology, ultrasound, cryoprobe, tonopen, cold therapy laser, CO2 laser, and advanced patient monitoring. We have multiple emergency and specialty clinics for referrals and after-hours emergency needs. We work alongside the city of Liberty Animal Control Officers in providing care for our new Liberty Animal Shelter. Our clinic is licensed by the Department of Agriculture to provide rehabilitation care to orphaned and injured wildlife. We work closely with Lakeside Nature Center for wild animal rehabilitation and release. We have a medium-sized boarding and grooming facility and a well-established daycare program.

We offer competitive base salary (based on experience) with production bonus semi-annually. Benefits include paid vacation time, a simple IRA contribution/match, CE allowance and CE days off, local/state organization dues, License/DEA fee and health insurance options. Nearby emergency facilities take after hour emergencies allowing our employees a healthy work life balance.

The Veterinary Center of Liberty has been serving the Liberty community for 33 years. We have a strong community presence and participate in many philanthropic organizations locally and abroad. Our veterinarians and RVTs volunteer time and support many community organizations, school groups and national not for profit groups. Liberty's great schools, good cost of living, and proximity to Kansas City makes it a perfect fit for families. If you are looking for a practice with "roots" in our community – we would love to visit with you!

If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit a resume or CV to Andrea Grow, DVM andreagrow@yahoo.com or contact Veterinary Center of Liberty 816-781-0778

#### February 10, 2021

Odessa Animal Clinic in Odessa, Mo is seeking an Associate Veterinarian to join our team. We are a well established two doctor practice located 30 miles East of downtown Kansas City. Our hospital is well equipped with 2 IDEXX Catalyst machines, Pro Cyte, SediVue and Vet Stat, We use IDEXX DR x-ray, We are equipped with a Vet Scapel surgical laser, a Companion therapy laser and a Toshiba Xario 100 Ultrasound. OAC is a fast pace small town progressive veterinary practice. We practice quality medicine with great client service. If you have any questions or are interested in the position, please send resumes to Dr. Sean Croucher at scroucherdvm@gmail. com or 100 W. Main Street, Odessa, Mo 64076.

#### **February 8, 2021**

Looking for a fast paced Veterinarian to keep up with our rapidly growing clinic in the Waldo area of Kansas City. Our clinic is fully equipped including digital x-ray, digital dental x-ray, ultrasound and cold laser. We perform a variety of surgical procedures as well as many dental procedures. Minimal emergency medicine required and no on-call duty. We have a full staff and offer a wide array of benefits. If interested in learning more about this great opportunity please email your resume to Dr. Meg Kaemmer at animalmedicalcenterkc@gmail.com

#### **February 8, 2021**

Veterinary Hospital in South Kansas City (Waldo/Brookside Area) is looking for a veterinary technician to join our team. Looking for full time, experience is preferred but will consider a less experienced technician if you are the right fit. Looking for someone with a positive attitude, that enjoys people and a loud, busy environment. Someone who is a problem solver and multi-tasks well. Our technicians are utilized in every part of patient care and their skills are used daily. Competitive compensation with 401k, health insurance, paid vacation and discounts for veterinary care.

Please call Kyle at 816-333-9000 or email resume to Kkaemmer@hotmail.com



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#### January 28, 2021

Veterinarian

Location: Kansas City MO

The Northland Animal Hospital, a fast-paced small animal veterinary hospital is looking for a part-time or full-time veterinarian to join our team. Our rapidly growing hospital offers both conventional and holistic treatment options for our patients and employment with us would offer a unique opportunity to learn more about the growing area of holistic veterinary practice. NAH offers non-traditional treatments such as prolotherapy, acupuncture and laser therapy as well as services including grooming, surgery, boarding, radiographs and ultrasounds. Our support staff is experienced, and our facility is new providing a spacious and modern workplace.

The ideal candidate would be personable and flexible with a positive attitude for helping patients, clients and fellow co-workers. We want a team member who is caring, compassionate and responsible in providing excellence in preventative care, medicine and surgery. We would love to hire someone with experience but are willing to help cultivate and train the right new graduate.

If interested, please send resume or questions to Dr. Amy Roberts at NAHKCMO@gmail.com

#### January 27, 2021

#### **VETERINARIAN:**

Signing bonus!! New Grads welcome to apply! Blue Valley Animal Hospital is seeking a Full time Associate Veterinarian to join our award winning team! Established for over 40 years, Blue Valley Animal Hospital is a family oriented, privately owned full service small animal medical and surgical hospital with high quality clientele that provides compassionate, state of the art care. Our general practice services include all aspects of wellness and preventative medicine along with surgical and dentistry care, boarding, daycare, and grooming. We offer a full array of diagnostic equipment including; Co2 Laser · Oxygen Kennel · Cold Therapy Laser · Cryo Surgery · Spacious Surgery Suite w/ Orthopedic set-up · Dedicated Dental Suite w/ Digital Dental xray, Ultrasound, Endoscopy, Digital Xray, and Idexx In-house comprehensive laboratory.

We are looking for a candidate who has excellent communication skills and a strong work ethic to fit in our fast paced atmosphere. We provide mentorship opportunities for new graduates! We offer a very competitive salary and benefits package that includes medical, dental, & vision insurance, paid vacation and sick days, production based bonuses, signing bonus, generous continuing education allowance, paid licenses, membership dues, 401K w/ company match, and pet discount. Please email Sara Stevens, RVT at practicemanagerbyah@gmail.com

#### January 27, 2021

#### **VETERINARY TECHNICIAN:**

\$500 Sign on Bonus for qualified candidates! Come be a part of our team! Blue Valley Animal Hospital has an Immediate opening for a full-time Veterinary Technician in a very busy and progressive, established small animal practice in Southern Johnson County, Kansas. RVT or CVT preferred. We are a state of the art hospital complete with digital xray, digital dental xray, laser surgery, cryo surgery, in-house laboratory, laser therapy, ultrasound, endoscopy, and oxygen kennel. The ideal candidate must have excellent customer service skills and time management skills. Multitasking and collaberating with peers is a must. Technicians are utilized to their fullest and allowed to be an integral part of all aspects of patient care. Must be detail oriented and knowledgeable with anesthesia and client education.

A full-time position at the hospital offers competitive salaries commensurate with experience, bonuses based



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on clinic performance, health, dental, & vision insurance, Simple IRA retirement with employer matching, paid vacation, sick days, discount veterinary care for personal pets, Continuing Education and licensing fees. Please send Cover Letter and resume to: practicemanagerbvah@gmail.com

#### January 26, 2021

Looking for a Veterinarian. We are a small animal exclusive clinic.

Full time or Part time. No emergency or after hour work. We are privately owned and have a relaxed environment. We offer grooming, boarding, surgery, radiographs, Abaxis blood machines, and etc..... We have plenty of support staff for each doctor and flexible work days. Contact Kristine Mulloy at kklmnorris@yahoo.com for more information.

#### January 21, 2021

The University of Missouri's Veterinary Health Center at Kansas City is now hiring full-time veterinarians. This practice is part of the University of Missouri's Columbia Veterinary Health Center (VHC). The emergency clinic provides night and weekend patient care for animals that are critically ill, that are subject to change or deteriorate rapidly, and that require technically complex and time-consuming treatment and monitoring.

The Veterinarian on duty will ensure proper patient care is provided, referring veterinarian and client communications meet expectations, and business protocols are followed.

Salary: \$83,400-\$176,912 annually Shift: Nights, weekends and holidays.

Minimum Qualifications

A Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree and professional licensure (or eligibility to be licensed) within the State of Missouri

Benefit Eligibility

This position is eligible for University benefits. The University offers a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental and vision plans, retirement, paid time off, and educational fee discounts. For additional information on University benefits, please visit the Faculty & Staff Benefits website at http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/benefits

If you would like more information regarding this position please contact LeAnne Stewart at stewartle@missouri. edu and to apply please visit https://hrs.missouri.edu/find-a-job/staff, Job ID 34074.

#### January 13, 2021

Vintage Veterinary Hospital in Excelsior Springs, MO is looking for a full time associate. We are a small animal clinic in the small town of Excelsior Springs. Located about 30 minutes north of Kansas City Excelsior Springs offers a small town feel with a lower cost of living while still being close enough to the amenities of Kansas City. We are currently a one doctor practice but need a second doctor to support our growth. We have digital radiography, Ultra Sound, cryo probe and advanced surgical equipment. We offer a simple IRA plan with a 3%match, paid time off, continuing education allowance, and membership dues paid. Ownership possibility is strong for the right interested candidate. Feel free to contact Dr Watkins at drwatkins@vinatgevet.com or text at 816-289-2678.

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#### **January 8, 2021**

Petco is seeking veterinarians for our new full-service, general practice Vetco Total Care hospitals in Derby and Witchita, KS. Practice high-quality medicine, your way! Excellent benefits/incentives include: Open Time Off, \$3500 CE stipend, and paid parental leave! Full-Time veterinarians are eligible for a Signing Bonus/Relocation and/or Housing Stipend! Email: veterinarycareers@petco.com. Petco is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

#### **January 8, 2021**

**Position Summary** 

The Shelter Veterinarian is primarily responsible for managing all aspects of healthcare and disease control for the animals under the care of Wayside Waifs. Primary responsibilities include general examinations, alteration surgeries, soft tissue surgeries, dentistry, animal public health, student teaching, and teamwork. The shelter veterinarian will work up and/or direct internal medicine, emergency, and surgical cases based on existing resources. The Shelter Veterinarian at Wayside Waifs is expected to demonstrate leadership and teamwork in all organizational interactions.

#### PRIMARY ACCOUNTABILITIES:

Shelter Veterinarian Responsibilities:

Provide veterinary medical care to all shelter animals.

Perform alteration surgeries and other soft tissue or dental procedures that are necessary to relieve overt pain/suffering to restore an acceptable quality of life to the animal.

Perform general and advanced health assessments on all animals and treat as necessary.

Perform emergency veterinary care as needed for animals under the care of Wayside Waifs, giving them an appropriate quality of life and pain management while treating.

Help maintain general and advanced tracking of animals, disease, and treatments.

Perform euthanasia of animals in the care of Wayside Waifs and animals owned by the public as scheduled through the Pet Memorial Services department.

Ensure high level of care, compassion, and support to all animals.

Ensure efficient operations of all animal care by completing tasks in a timely fashion.

Ensure disease control protocols are followed.

Work with, provide leadership, and set a professional example for the public, staff, and volunteers. Establish and maintain effective working relationships with all staff and volunteers, as well as the public not only within the vet clinic, but also in support of other departments to help achieve overall shelter efficiency.

Counsel and advise potential adopters and adopters with questions or concerns and provide treatment for recently adopted animals.

Educate the staff and volunteers to increase their knowledge of disease recognition and prevention.

Assist with media and PR upon request of the Development & Communications departments.

Provide counseling and teaching to veterinary student externs in the areas of surgery, medicine, and public health.

Promote a positive, collaborative relationship between the Veterinary Clinic and other departments at Wayside Waifs and the community.

Compliance & Accreditation.

Must be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Missouri and have a current BNDD.

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Ensure compliance with all regulatory, safety, security, and operational standards related to animal care and the practice of veterinary medicine.

Ensure all services performed at Wayside Waifs meet or exceed all regulatory and/or professional standards consistent with client expectations.

Current federal DEA license is preferred.

Attend training that is required to enhance knowledge and skills and to maintain credentials.

Assistance with and support of all Vet Clinic Tasks.

Comply with all of Wayside Waifs policies and best practices.

Additional tasks as necessary.

Position Requirements:

Professional:

Current licensed Missouri veterinarian with current BNDD. or ability to immediately acquire a provisional Missouri veterinary license.

Experience with companion animals.

Excellent written and verbal communication skills and good problem solving skills.

Ability to work in a team environment within the vet clinic and other departments, while being flexible in a multi-faceted and ever-evolving organization.

Ability to work with people in a variety of high-stress and emotional situations while maintaining a composed and professional demeanor.

Ability to balance routine surgeries, general medical care, and emergent medical needs.

Ability to troubleshoot and offer options for operational improvement in the clinic to benefit the animals and the organization.

Demonstrate the ability to work efficiently as a team member in a fast paced, high stress environment.

**Education:** 

Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM or VMD) required.

Must be willing to lean new procedures and attend trainings as needed.

Physical:

Must be able to lift 50 pounds to waist height for various tasks.

Repetitive bending, kneeling, stopping, and similar movements required.

Must be able to physically restrain animals weighing up to and including 125 pounds.

Able to work with exposure to wet and/or humid condition and outside weather conditions.

Must be able to perform a significant amount of standing during a typical day, exposure to fumes, airborne particles, and possible zoonotic diseases.

Noise level is moderate to high.

Exposure to animal waste.

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Part time, Relief and Full Time Veterinarians & Technicians

Organization Overview: The Pet Resource Center of Kansas City (PRCKC) is a community resource Organization focused on preventative solutions to keepings pets in the homes of the people who love them. Our mission is to increase pet retention and improve the quality of life for pets through education and supportive services for families in need. We pride ourselves in acknowledging our diverse community with a nonjudgmental and compassionate approach. Our organization provides services to over 25,000 pets annually, with an emphasis on spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, and resource distribution — with the goal of enabling our community pets to live long, healthy and happy lives.

Our veterinarians and technicians help support our mission in several capacities, including our walk-in Wellness Care Clinic, mobile or offsite vaccination clinics, spay/neuter surgery clinic and special medical assistance for other medical procedures and services. Mobile vaccination clinics take place in both Missouri and Kansas.

About this role: PRCKC currently has a team of three full time veterinarians and is looking to add a fourth team member and are looking for 2 additional technicians. Enjoy weekends off with a Monday thru Friday practice, with the exception of occasional Saturdays for special clinics, if available. Veterinarians work from 8-4/4:30 with a regular lunch break. PRCKC prioritizes mental health and work life balance, with an emphasis on utilizing Paid Time Off. Additionally, with multiple relief veterinarians on staff, we are able to allow flexibility with scheduling and vacation time.

For more information or to apply click here:

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