



## Monterey Peninsula Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center

We are looking for an experienced RVT to join our team. We have it all - Emergency, Specialty, and General Practice - set in a beautiful, spacious hospital!

Our hospital utilizes Idexx (In-house and Reference Labs, Telemedicine) and Cornerstone Practice Management. We have ultrasound, digital radiography, endoscopy, two fully-equipped surgical suites. Basically, all the bells and whistles!

We offer a competitive salary and an excellent benefits package - including a generous personal pet care discount policy.

We have a diverse and loyal client base. This allows us to enjoy the quick pace of emergency medicine, as well as the personal aspects of general practice and specialty.

To top it all off, living and working in Monterey is like no place else! We're situated in an exclusive business park that's beautiful (and safe). Just down the road is some of the most gorgeous coastal scenery anywhere.

If you're ready to take that next step in your career, we'd love to talk with you. Our ideal candidate will have a strong background in a fast paced, dynamic setting. S/he should be keenly interested in learning and mentoring and work well in a diverse team.

Visit our website at: [www.mpvesc.com](http://www.mpvesc.com) and email: [mpvesc@gmail.com](mailto:mpvesc@gmail.com) - thanks!

### **Job Description Summary:**

The Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) works with veterinarians and Veterinary Assistants to provide patient care and client services. The RVT works under the direct or indirect supervision of the licensed veterinarian on duty. In accordance with the California Veterinary Practice Act, an RVT may not diagnose disease, prescribe drugs, medicines or appliances or perform surgery; however, under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian and RVT may induce anesthesia, perform dental extractions, suture cutaneous/subcutaneous tissue and gingival mucous membranes, apply a cast or splint and create a relief hole in the skin to facilitate intravenous catheter placement. Additionally, the RVT may administer a controlled substance under the indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The degree of supervision by a licensed veterinarian over the RVT shall be consistent with the standards of good veterinary medical practices. The Registered Veterinary Technician is required to maintain his/her credential in good standing during the course of employment at Monterey Peninsula Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center.

### **Essential Duties and Functions:**

#### **Veterinary Medical Care**

- Patient handling: safe and gentle restraint, proper leash and sling use
- Perform TPRW; obtain patient's vital signs, understand how to recognize pain

- Perform patient triage based on medical need
- Create and maintain patient records by accurately recording observations, treatments and test results on written and computerized patient medical records and treatment sheets
- Administer oral medications
- Administer parenteral medications and vaccines
- Perform subcutaneous, intramuscular and intravenous injections
- Perform venipuncture
- Perform IV catheter placement and related catheter care
- Perform cystocentesis and urinary catheterization; including urinary catheter care
- Perform and interpret basic and advanced diagnostic laboratory tests
- Obtain diagnostic radiographic images
- Follow Monterey Peninsula Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center nursing care protocols
- Perform basic nursing care duties with efficiency and compassion to ensure patient cleanliness, comfort and stress reduction
- Perform patient treatments as ordered by attending veterinarian
- Monitor the health and well-being of hospitalized patients and animals in boarding care; notify attending veterinarian if signs may warrant attention
- Critical care nursing
- Assist in the provision of CPR
- Perform medication and fluid calculations
- Blood product administration and post-transfusion monitoring
- Perform routine procedures as directed by attending veterinarian
- Apply bandage or splint as directed by attending veterinarian
- Anesthesia induction, intubation and surgical preparation
- Anesthetic monitoring, surgical assistance and perioperative nursing care
- Perform NE / NG / esophagostomy tube feeding and associated tube maintenance
- Administer supplemental oxygen therapy
- Participate in medical rounds
- Dispense medications as prescribed by attending veterinarian
- Comply with laws pertaining to controlled substances; handling, administration and recordkeeping
- Facilitate good working relationships through teamwork and collaboration

### **Client Service**

- Admit and discharge patients from Monterey Peninsula Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center in a responsive, courteous and tactful manner
- Inform clients of all pertinent medical information regarding their pet's care; communicate discharge instructions in a clear and concise manner
- Provide high quality client service to our clients as well as the referring practices, animal welfare organizations and rescue groups that support Monterey Peninsula Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center
- Maintain accurate estimates, invoices and updates to the client

### **Housekeeping**

- All members of the Monterey Peninsula Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center nursing care team are responsible for maintaining a work environment that is safe, clean, organized and well stocked. Shift dependent tasks and assignments will vary

## **Safety**

- Ensure a safe work environment by following all safety guidelines and modeling safe work practices
- Take immediate action to address any safety concerns that could put a staff member, patient, client of Monterey Peninsula Veterinary Emergency & specialty Center at risk

## **Reports to**

- Medical Director
- Practice Manager
- Nursing Care Supervisor

## **Physical Requirements and Work Environment**

- Work is performed in a veterinary hospital setting
- Frequent standing, walking, bending, reaching, kneeling while working with patients
- Regular standing and/or sitting at a computer work station for 3-5 hours per day
- Exposure to disinfectant solutions
- Subject to animal scratches and/or bites
- Repeated lifting and carrying of animals weighing up to 50 pounds
- Consistent exposure to animals and animal allergens under conditions with limited alternatives available

## **Education and Experience**

- AS or BS in Veterinary Technology or adequate coursework to qualify applicant to sit for the California Registered Veterinary Technician exam
- California Registered Veterinary Technician credential in good standing with the California Veterinary Medical Board

## **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

- Commitment to the mission, values, goals and success of Monterey Peninsula Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center
- Experience with humane animal handling techniques and low stress techniques in restraint of healthy, ill, stray, and feral animals
- Experience in caring for and handling animals in a safe, effective and humane manner, especially larger and possibly untrained pets
- Computer literate and able to master veterinary software
- Knowledge of basic canine and feline physiology, anatomy and behavior
- Ability to understand and communicate pertinent medical information with colleagues and clients
- Self-motivated and able to initiate and complete tasks

## **Responsibilities:**

It is the responsibility of the Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) to perform all of his/her duties in a professional, efficient and safe manner while keeping in accordance with established Monterey Peninsula Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center protocols. Providing the highest standard of nursing care and client service in a respectful, compassionate and caring manner will

be expected of each RVT. A thorough understanding of the potential risks involved in performing the duties of an RVT and participation in routine safety and training courses are required.

**Additional:**

The Monterey Peninsula Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center, **Registered Veterinary Technician** job description may vary based on the individual abilities demonstrated by the employee and the current staffing needs of the practice.