

WHAT CAN VET TECHS DO?

Under the Direct Supervision of a Veterinarian, Vet Techs Can:

- Assist in surgery
- Administer anesthesia: (injectable, inhalation, endotracheal intubation)
- Administer external cardiac resuscitation
- Administer resuscitative oxygen procedures
- Administer resuscitative drugs in the event of cardiac arrest
- Establish an open airway

Under the Indirect Supervision of a Veterinarian, Vet Techs Can:

- Obtain patient history
- Perform a basic physical examination
- Collect blood samples
- Perform laboratory procedures (specimen collection and procedures requiring identification)
- Conduct ECG/EKG tests
- Apply splints, casts, and bandages
- Administer immunological agents
- Administer enema solutions
- Catheterization of unobstructed bladder
- Perform dental prophylaxis (teeth cleaning)
- Administer injections
- Apply restraint techniques
- Conduct autoclaving
- Fill and dispense prescriptions
- Give oral medications
- Monitor critical patients
- Oversee radiography (patient positioning, film exposure, and developing)
- Perform ear flushing
- Place IV catheter and IV fluids

Where Vet Techs Can Work:

- General Practice Clinics
- Animal Shelters
- Specialty & Teaching Hospitals
- Emergency & Critical Care
- Practice Management
- Biomedical Research
- Diagnostic Laboratories
- Mobile Clinics
- Education
- Farms & Ranches
- Wildlife Rehabilitation
- Zoos
- Aquariums
- Industry: Pharmaceutical & Pet Food
- Military & Government Agencies