Clinical Veterinarian (part-time), Washington National Primate Research Center, University of Washington

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The Washington National Primate Research Center (WaNPRC) has an outstanding opportunity for a part-time Veterinarian.

Under the general direction of the Supervisory Veterinarian, this 50% FTE position provides critical veterinary care of nonhuman primates (NHPs) used for research and breeding at the WaNPRC. This position will have the primary duties to include but not limited to performance of specialized work related to the health, care, and management of nonhuman primates at the WaNPRC. This position requires clinical and surgical veterinary skills, the ability to maintain clinical records and databases, computer literacy, strong organizational skills, direct interaction with diverse groups within the WaNPRC, and the ability to work with minimal supervision.

This position must:
• Ensure the optimal veterinary health care of nonhuman Primates (NHPs) at the WaNPRC and ensure the support of breeding programs within the WaNPRC facilities.
• Ensure the University of Washington is in compliance with federal regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), National Institute of Health (NIH), and with accreditation standards of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (International) (AAALAC);
• Support the health of WaNPRC breeding colonies.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
Veterinary Services (60%)
• Perform preventative medicine including but not limited to: quarantine procedures, dental procedures, review of health records and physiological blood data values of research and colony animals, review of and modification of clinical treatment and research protocols.
• Develop and implement plans for preventative medicine including review of present preventative plans and modification of preventative plans or protocols based on clinical successful/non-successful clinical outcomes.
• Participate in animal health maintenance including but not limited to: surveillance of colony animal health in conjunction with other veterinary clinical staff and colony staff, infectious disease testing, routine physical exams and bio-sample analysis for research and colony animals, dental health examination.
• Present weekly summary of open clinical cases and follow-up results of closed clinical cases during weekly clinical rounds meetings.
• Provide care to sick or injured animals including provision of follow-up care and release from clinical treatment.
• Maintain clinical records in a custom electronic database, the Animal Research Management System (ARMS).
• Keep continuous surveillance for clinical signs of disease and injury.
• Perform radiology, ultrasound, and surgical procedures.
• Provide care for pregnant and neonatal NHPs.
• Determine and direct use of anesthetic and analgesic agents.
• Perform sedation and anesthesia with controlled drugs.
• Provide guidance to surgical support staff on instrumentation, sanitation practices, and surgical suite maintenance.
• Provide patient peri-operative anesthesia and monitoring as needed.
• Provide and oversee post-operative intensive care, including the use of sedatives, analgesics, and antibiotics.
• Provide weekend/holiday on call coverage.
• Perform the duties required of Essential Personnel members in the event of an emergency.
• Ensure that all procedures performed have the appropriate regulatory and internal approvals prior to being performed.
• Communicate regularly with veterinary, husbandry, pathology, and behavioral management staff.
• Stay current on all required training.
• Perform other duties as assigned.

Research Support (20%)
• Monitor progression of AIDS in lentivirus-infected animals, and take appropriate actions to support animal welfare;
• Assist investigators with protocol development and study scheduling;
• Consult with investigators regarding study progression;
• Train and oversee technical staff performing research procedures and anesthesia;
• Perform research surgeries and procedures, and develop new techniques

Regulatory Compliance (20%)
• Maintain compliance with all USDA, PHS, AAALAC, UW, and WaNPRC policies and procedures.
• Provide direct monitoring of clinical cases and present verbal and written reports to the University of Washington Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and Attending Veterinarian.
• Provide supervision of veterinary clinical staff members as needed.
• Provide training to veterinary technicians, husbandry staff, students, residents, and visiting scientists.
• Assist in management of controlled substance inventory.
• Participate in continuing education opportunities, including small animal continuing education courses and literature pertaining to nonhuman primates; nonhuman primate related conferences and meetings, specialty practice conferences and inter-department research related lectures and literature.
• Provide orientation, training, and refresher training for on-site personnel.
• Write and review Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).
• Participate in WaNPRC and UW committees and Primate Center Consortium working groups.

REQUIREMENTS:
• Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from a College of Veterinary Medicine that is accredited by the American Veterinary Association or has a certificate issued by the American Veterinary Association’s Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG in progress will be considered), and a license to practice veterinary medicine in at least one state;
• The ability to obtain a license to practice in the state of Washington.
• A minimum of two years of clinical and surgical experience with lab animals, or completion of a lab animal residency.
• Excellent written and oral communication skills.
• Proficiency in use of computers including use of word processing, spreadsheets, database software, and internet usage.
• Demonstrated capacity to work well independently and in collaboration with a diverse staff.

**DESIRED EXPERIENCE**
• Clinical proficiency with nonhuman primates and a high level of technical skills specific to primates.
• Board certification in Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM).
• Clinical surgical and imaging (ultrasound and radiography) experience.
• Experience with hands-on technical training.
• Supervisory experience.

**Working environmental conditions:**
• Employment is contingent upon successful completion of health assessment at the UW's Employee Health Clinic. The health assessment may include but is not limited to tuberculosis clearance, measles clearance, serum banking, immunizations, such as tetanus and vaccinia, physical exam and/or review of work health history, x-rays, and/or assessment to wear positive or negative respiratory protective equipment. These health assessments will be repeated periodically during work assignment.
• Punctuality, regular and predictable attendance is an essential job function of this position.
• May be required to work with and take specific precautions, against and/or be immunized against potentially infectious agents. Specific precautions may include wearing respirators and/or protective clothing. Employee is personally responsible for following health & safety and security policies/procedures and staying current on all required training. Bloodborne pathogen training and compliance with all WaNPRC and UW security policies is also mandatory. This position involves handling non-human primates and human pathogenic organisms. The ability to work in an ABSL 2 with 3 practices containment facility is required.
• In addition, the employee is required to maintain all necessary licensing credentials as determined by State and Federal Law.

For questions regarding this position, please contact Kathryn Guerriero, PhD, DVM, DACLAM at kag18@uw.edu.