

Associate Zoo Veterinarian

Now is a great time to join our family and be a part of Zoo Miami's dynamic future as we strive to **'Share the wonder of wildlife and help conserve it for generations to come'**. Experiencing an exciting time of advancement, Zoo Miami is focused on five strategic priorities: Animal Well Being, Conservation and Stewardship, Guest Experience, Financial Strength, and Performance Excellence.

Zoo Miami is proud to be active in many global wildlife and environmental conservation initiatives and is involved in over 36 projects taking place on six continents. The largest and oldest zoological garden in Florida, Zoo Miami is the only tropical zoo in the continental United States, occupying almost 750 acres (340 developed), the Zoo is home to approximately 3,000 animals representing nearly 500 different species.

Zoo Miami is currently has a full time Associate Zoo Veterinarian position available to work in cooperative association with the Chief of Animal Health (Chief Veterinarian) and three other associate veterinarians to provide high quality medical care to the animal collection. We are searching for a team-oriented candidate that will be engaging and deliver exceptional customer service by creating friendly and positive interactions with all guests and co-workers.

This position reports directly to the Chief of Animal Health. This position will work collaboratively with the Chief of Animal Health (Chief Veterinarian), three other associate veterinarians, four certified veterinary technicians, a nutritionist, and a team of hospital, nutrition, and quarantine husbandry staff to provide high quality medical care to a diverse collection of over 3000 animals.

Daily Responsibilities/duties include, but are not limited to:

Works in collaboration with the entire Animal Health team to provide diagnostic, medical, and surgical care to the Zoo Miami animal collection following all protocols, rules, regulations, policies and procedures that are in accordance with AZA, USDA and OSHA standards.

Assists in implementing and evaluating an all-inclusive animal health program that includes surgery, anesthesia, radiology, ultrasonography, endoscopy, pathology, internal medicine and a species-appropriate preventive medicine program.

Evaluates and prepares health certifications for shipments of animals, and provides medical oversight for new acquisitions while in quarantine.

Provides recommendations for purchases, repairs, and facilities operations for the zoo's hospital and quarantine facility; ensures proper care in the use and maintenance of equipment and supplies; promotes workplace safety.

Assists in the supervision and evaluation of hospital support staff as well as clinical interns/externs and volunteers, including work distribution, training, and problem resolution. Provides direct mentorship of veterinary preceptors and One Health medical students.

Provides guidance in the clinical laboratory, surgical facility, necropsy and pharmacy as needed.
Ensures controlled-substance record-keeping is accurate and in accordance with DEA regulations.

Makes recommendations regarding hiring, discipline, and promotion of subordinates; assists with scheduling daily tasks and routine of subordinate employees.

Assists with maintaining a complete and accurate medical records database for the Zoo Miami animal collection.

Functions as a team player, fostering a positive, respectful, and supportive work environment, and conducts themselves with enthusiasm and dedication to providing state-of-the-art animal care

Performs related work as required.

Minimum Qualifications: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or equivalent veterinary degree. One year of clinical medicine experience is required. Must obtain a State of Florida Veterinary license within six months of employment.

Preferred Qualifications: Five or more years of zoo or wildlife experience with a comprehensive knowledge of routine diagnostic and surgical practices in zoological medicine. The ideal candidate will have experience with a wide range of mammalian, avian, and herpetological taxa, exceptional communication with all levels of staff, and the ability to work independently. Experience conducting clinical research, and working with sea turtles, are also preferred.

This is a full time (Exempt) position with excellent benefits as an employee of Miami-Dade County.

IMPORTANT: In order to be considered for this position you MUST apply online through the Miami-Dade County Human Resources website, <http://www.miamidade.gov/humanresources/jobs.asp> and search for **Job Opening #76632**.

NOTE: Additionally, County applications now allow you to attach a resume. Therefore, prior to submitting your application, please make sure your resume is updated with your current and previous position(s) to include details of duties performed and responsibility. However, please also make sure the application details (all tabs) are completed in full.

Please send resumes to Zoo Miami, Human Resources, ZooHR@miamidade.gov.

Applications will be accepted until close of business on March 15, 2023 through the Miami-Dade County Website. We will continue to accept resumes to ZooHR@miamidade.gov through Sunday, March 26, 2023.