



VETERINARY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

Prerequisite Observation Form

Candidate Name (print): _____

Student ID Number (SID): _____

This Prerequisite Observation Form lists the tasks that you are required to observe prior to applying for entrance to the Veterinary Technician Program. The intention is to make you aware of some of the physical and emotional challenges associated with this profession. It is a very rewarding profession, but it is certainly not a 9-5 desk job!

You must complete at **least twenty hours of observation in total**. If this cannot be completed in the organization at which you started, then switch to a different organization to complete the tasks. Remember, these tasks are to be observed and/or discussed. You are not in any way **required** to participate in performing all these tasks. Some facilities may allow you to participate, but others will not due to insurance liability concerns.

***Facility Supervisor:** Please **place your initials** next to the tasks once they have been observed. Please note that this person is a candidate applying for entrance into the Veterinary Technician Program and is not sponsored or insured by Bellingham Technical College. **(NOTE: DO NOT expose applicant to radiation under any circumstances!)**

Animal Handling: May be completed at a humane society, wildlife rescue facility, breeding facility, veterinary hospital, groomer, trainer, mobile veterinary service or farrier. **A minimum of 3 out of 4 tasks must be observed and a minimum of three hours observation time in this category is required.**

- _____ Observe administration of medication via the oral, injectable or enema route
- _____ Observe lifting of an animal 50-100# or lifting of legs for hoof evaluation (livestock)
- _____ Observe handling of an aggressive or difficult animal
- _____ Observe at least two different methods of animal restraint

Animal Care & Housing: May be completed at a humane society, wildlife rescue facility, breeding facility, veterinary hospital, or boarding facility (either large animal or small animal facilities). **A minimum of 5 out of 6 tasks must be observed and a minimum of six hours observation time in this category is required.**

- _____ Observe surgery or wound care
- _____ Observe daily animal care (i.e., cage/run/stall cleaning, exercising, feeding)
- _____ Observe lifting of equipment or food bag weight >25#
- _____ Observe equipment cleaning and maintenance
- _____ Observe collection of a biologic sample (blood, urine or feces)
- _____ Observe humane euthanasia of an animal



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Client Care: May be completed at a humane society, wildlife rescue facility, breeding facility, veterinary hospital, groomer, trainer, mobile veterinary service or farrier. **A minimum of 4 out of 6 tasks must be observed and a minimum of three hours observation time in this category is required.**

- _____ Observe client interaction (i.e., history taking, behavior or nutrition counseling)
- _____ Observe telephone procedures
- _____ Observe making appointments
- _____ Observe record keeping
- _____ Observe written client education materials or instructions
- _____ Observe verbal communication with client regarding finances of animal care

By initialing the above tasks, I attest that a **minimum of required hours** was logged by this applicant while observing these tasks at this facility.

Facility Manager Name (Print)

Date

Facility Manager Signature

Facility name: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address :

If more than one facility used for required observation time:

Facility Manager Name (Print)

Date

Facility Manager Signature

Facility name: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address :

