

ANIMAL & THEATRE TECHNICIAN - VACANCY
BIOLOGICAL SERVICES/ANIMAL UNIT

We are excited to recruit an Animal & Theatre Technician, on a full-time basis. You will be joining the Theatre Services at The Griffin Institute located in Northwick Park and Saint Mark's Hospitals in Harrow, North London. The right candidate will be highly skilled, self-motivated and a great communicator with a passion to guide and develop the current team.

This post will report directly to the Theatre Manager. The post holder will be responsible for the daily management of the theatre area, including assisting with anaesthesia during surgical procedures and training courses. They will be required to work irregular hours in accordance with the needs of the role and be required to participate in Weekend and Bank Holiday work on occasions, when requested.

Role & Responsibilities:

1. Animal Unit

- General animal husbandry in accordance with ASPA 1986
- Monitoring of room temperatures and humidity in accordance with the code of practice
- Cleaning of animal rooms and related areas.
- Monitoring of animal welfare both pre and post regulated intervention.
- Assisting with surgical preparation and procedures.
- Receiving animals.
- Cage wash duties; cleaning out boxes, using of cage wash machine.
- Autoclaving instruments, drapes, and animal bedding.
- Assisting with post-mortem examinations and maintaining area.
- Assisting with courses including Microsurgery and Creo Medical.
- Keeping consumables and diets stocked for animal rooms.
- Maintaining GLP records and ensuring they are filled out correctly.
- Weekend work to care for animals and for assisting with the running of courses.
- Carrying out schedule 1 procedures

2. Theatres.

- Compliance with GLP/Non GLP for studies and general work.
- Compliance of SOPs
- Assisting with surgical preparation and procedures.
- Anaesthesia of large and some small animals and monitoring including induction; gas masking, intubations, I/V cannulation etc.
- Maintaining GLP records.
- Assisting with the running of courses.
- Autoclaving instruments, drapes, and animal bedding.
- Assisting with post-mortem examinations.
- Maintaining consumable and drug stock levels
- Acquiring quotes for surgical equipment, devices and consumables for specific courses and studies.
- Giving medication to animals via various routes (injection, oral, inhalation).
- Running of haematology.
- Working to correct issues with GLP compliance and implementing these e.g. IDEXX systems.

Essential Qualifications required:

- Basic understanding of routine animal husbandry including previous experience
- Good observations skills
- Good environmental monitoring skills
- Good record keeping
- Good numeric and written skills (minimum GCSE grade C)

Salary: £20,000 - £21,000 per annum

Closing Date: 9th October 2020

If you would like to apply, please send a covering letter and your CV to s.vara@griffininstitute.org.uk