

Job Title: Surgical Assistant

Department: Vogel Spay Neuter Clinic

Status: Non-exempt

Description: The surgical assistant works with a team of veterinarians, technicians, and assistants to provide care for animals undergoing surgical and anesthetic procedures. The assistant utilizes knowledge and skills to maximize workflow efficiency and ensure patient safety.

Knowledge:

- Setup and function of the anesthesia machine and breathing systems
- Aseptic patient preparation and sterility
- Surgical instrument identification and care
- Signs of pregnancy and heat, hernias, and deciduous teeth
- Safe handling methods for fractious and feral patients

Skills:

- Practice safe low-stress restraint of dogs, cats, and rabbits
- Administer subcutaneous, intravenous, and intramuscular injections
- Perform phlebotomy and in-house lab tests
- Aseptically prepare a patient for a sterile procedure
- Accurately record and document patient information, drug doses, and surgery-related information
- Maintain an organized workspace by assisting with daily cleaning and laundry
- Communicate positively and clearly with clients at patient admission and discharge
- Communicate positively and clearly with team members regarding patients and workflow

Abilities:

- Lift up to 40lbs unassisted
- Stand, walk, and work without sitting for extended periods of time

**This job description is subject to change based on the needs of the MCSPCA and discretion of the medical director.*