



Position: Spay/Neuter Clinic Surgical Vet Assistant - Mobile Clinic

General Position Summary:

Brother Wolf Animal Rescue is seeking an enthusiastic surgical veterinary assistant for our mobile spay and neuter clinic. The Surgical Vet Assistant is responsible for assisting the veterinarian with all aspects of surgery conducted on the mobile clinic, including preparing animals for surgery, monitoring recovery, maintaining the cleanliness of the clinic, and client communication. This position is an integral part of a program helping to reduce pet homelessness in Western North Carolina and providing affordable spay/neuter and vaccinations to families for their pets.

Availability: The Brother Wolf mobile spay and neuter clinic travels four days a week to neighboring communities to conduct high volume spay and neuter. The Surgical Veterinary Assistant must be available in accordance with the clinic schedule. The person in this position will work four ten-hour days each week, either a Monday-Thursday or Tuesday-Friday schedule. Early mornings and some evenings may be required on these days.

Essential Function/Major Responsibilities:

- Assist with overseeing all aspects of assigned patients, including (but not limited to): intake, physical examination; surgery; pre- and post-operative care; anesthetic monitoring; patient monitoring; recovery; and emergency response.
- Assist with managing the flow of animals through surgery to ensure efficient operation of the clinics
- Administers oral, topical, and subcutaneous medications as needed
- Conducts cleaning and sanitizing as necessary throughout the day
- Liaisons with the public to admit and discharge animals and convey after care instructions.
- Participates in relationships with community veterinarians, veterinary hospitals, and professional associations as requested
- Ability to drive 26' mobile clinic to locations and assist with daily set up.
- Responds to medical issues involving patients as necessary
- Communicates any issues concerning staff or patients with Mobile Clinic Program Director
- Fills in for other areas and performing other tasks/functions as needed
- Treats all animals humanely, properly, and with compassion at all times, regardless of the situation or circumstance.

- Always maintains a friendly demeanor and provides excellent customer service while assisting with adoptions, volunteers, fosters, or other staff.
- Promotes a humane and caring attitude towards all animals

Qualifications:

- 2 years of prior experience working with animals, shelter or veterinary clinic experience is a plus. Candidates with previous experience assisting with surgery in a veterinary clinic are strongly encouraged to apply
- Experience caring for and handling animals in a safe and effective manner, especially large or untrained animals
- Familiarity with diseases common to dogs and cats
- Knowledge of animal behavior
- Must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license and, if hired, be able to bring clean driving printout from DMV.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication, customer service, and time management skills essential.
- Genuine affection for animals, concern for their welfare, and a willingness to accommodate animals in the workplace.
- Ability and initiative, working with minimal supervision and direction.
- Maturity, excellent judgment, and a professional, personal appearance.
- Ability to read, write, and understand English is required.
- Understand, agree with, and live the Brother Wolf mission, values, and vision.
- Familiarity with companion animals, knowledge of their behavior or experience working with or volunteering with a rescue group, humane society, foster care involvement, or other animal welfare agency is a plus.
- Comfort and ability to work with animals of unknown disposition and those who exhibit medical and other problems, as well as aggressive tendencies.

Physical Requirements:

- Physical ability to walk and or stand on your feet throughout a normal workday required. Ability to bend and squat.
- Physical ability to engage in repetitive motions of legs, arms, and hands and to hear and see clearly.
- Physical ability to push up to 150lbs and to carry up to 50lbs regularly and independently throughout a regular workday required.
- Allergic conditions, which may be aggravated when handling or working with animals, may be a disqualification.

Working conditions:

Conditions may include working alone, working inside or outside during varying weather conditions, frequent interruptions, and some evenings/weekends meetings and classes.

Potential environmental factors include:

- Exposure to chemical and biological hazards, such as feces and blood

- Exposure to sharp objects
- Working in environments that include loud noises
- Working in environments that may have uneven, wet, and slippery surfaces

Educational Requirements:

High school graduation required.

Veterinary assistant training preferred.

Salary and Benefits Information:

Brother Wolf provides subsidized health insurance for all full-time employees and also offers vision and dental insurance. New employees receive two weeks worth of paid time off in their first year, with rising accrual rates for employees who are with the organization for more than two years. Our mobile clinic veterinary assistants will also receive training with ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance as part of our ongoing collaboration with that organization.

Pay: \$16/hour