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SUMMARY

A Veterinary Technician with 20 years practical experience, and two years of formal academic training, Self-motivated, with strong technical skills, initiative, and the ability to work as part of a team or without supervision. Published author. Certified Equine Massage Therapist, Certified Equine Rehabilitation Technician.

WORK HISTORY

- 2004 - *REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN, Ontario Veterinary Group
Mount Pleasant/Davisville Veterinary Hospital (2004-2006)
Rosedale Animal Hospital (2006-2008)
MacKay Animal Clinic (2008-present)*
- Perform all technical duties, such as anaesthesia, venipuncture, animal nursing
 - Dentistry including dental radiographs, local alveolar and sub gingival nerve blocks
 - Exam room technical duties including pre examination and computerized history taking.
 - Inventory control, scheduling, writing and implementing protocols (Rosedale)
- 2000 -2002 *LICENSED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN, Anaesthesia Dept., Cornell University Hospital for Animals*
- Instruct fourth year veterinary students in basics of anaesthesia and analgesia both in the Anaesthesia rotation and Surgical Exercises rotation
 - Coordinate, organized and executed anaesthesia and animal usage for 3rd year Junior Surgery course
 - Perform anaesthesia on higher risk cases
 - Perform all facets of anaesthesia including venipuncture, catheter placement, use and maintenance of monitoring equipment, usage of wide variety of drugs, record keeping of narcotics, use and setup of various ventilators, placement of arterial lines for blood gases and direct blood pressure monitoring, placement of epidural anaesthesia.
 - Training of other technicians and technician interns for their certification in Anaesthesia.
- 1998 -2000 *VETERINARY TECHNICIAN, VTE Program, Seneca College*
- Assist in labs and lectures in Anatomy, Small and Large animal parasitology, and Urinalysis.
 - Teaching practical labs on restraint, animal handling, venipuncture, radiography, and anaesthetic techniques for dogs, cats, sheep and calves.
 - Evaluation of students on learned skills such as bandaging, venipuncture, and catheter placement.
 - Restraint, handling, physical exams, hoof care, and bandaging of horses.
 - Coordinating student schedules, assignation of duties, evaluation of completion of duties, administrative work associated with above tasks.
- 1989-2000 *VETERINARY TECHNICIAN, Veterinary Emergency Clinic*
- Laboratory haematology, urinalysis, fecals, viral (CITE) tests, using manual methods as well as Kodak Ektachem and the Vetest.
 - Surgical preparation of suite and animals, anaesthetic induction and maintenance, recovery,
 - Post-op care, treatment of all patients, nursing care, including intravenous infusions and venipuncture, medication.
 - Client communication and education, including reception, transactions, and operation of the computer.
 - Radiography, including manual and automatic processing.

1994-1996

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN, East Oshawa Animal Hospital

- Laboratory, treatment, surgical, and animal nursing duties as previously described.
- Semen analyses, progesterone levels, assisting with AI procedures in dogs, assisting in neo-natal care of puppies and kittens via cesarean sections.
- Cleaning and maintenance of all equipment including autoclaves, clippers, surgical instruments, centrifuges, etc.
- Client services, behavioural consults, promise collar demos.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

- ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN DIPLOMA, *St Clair College, Windsor, Ont.; 1988*
- Registered Veterinary Technician, *Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians; 2000*
- Certification Equine Massage Therapist
- Certification Course Equine Rehabilitative Therapy/Physiotherapy; *October 2007 – present*
- Biomechanics and kinematics, *Dr. Hilary Clayton; January 2008*
- IAVRPT Annual Symposium; *August 2008*
- Nutrition of Exotic Animals, *Cornell University; 2001*
- Several VSPN online courses, including Anaesthesia and Staff Training

Interests and Accomplishments

- Published author of Chapter 19, ANAESTHESIA, in Mosby's Comprehensive Review For Veterinary Technicians, 2nd Edition
- Cornell Companions Pet Therapy Visitation Programme member
- Founding Member of Cornell University Free Sterilization Spay/Neuter Clinics
- Advisory Committee Seneca College
- Ontario SPCA Agent 1997-1999
- Owner of 2 horses (currently training in Dressage)
- Moderator OAVT 2006 Conference
- Member of Ontario Veterinary Group Mentorship Program
- Certified Equine Massage therapist
- Certified Equine Rehabilitation Technician
- Owner and Operator of Equine Rehab Services

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST