

Animal Care Attendant - Foster Hospital for Small Animals Tufts University

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Job Title	Animal Care Attendant - Foster Hospital for Small Animals
Department	Foster Hospital for Small Animal
Institution	Tufts University Medford, Massachusetts
Date Posted	Sep. 22, 2025
Application Deadline	Open until filled
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Professional Staff
Academic Field(s)	Small/Lab Animal Medicine
Job Website	https://jobs.tufts.edu/jobs/22360?lang=en-us&iis=Job+Board&iisn=AcademicKeys

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Job Description

Overview

The Animal Care service supports the Foster Hospital for Small Animal's mission by providing general housekeeping services ensuring care, cleanliness and comfort for all the dogs, cats and exotic pets who are treated in our inpatient, outpatient and emergency services.

What You'll Do

The Animal Care Attendant is responsible for patient care and feeding general housekeeping and maintenance of the clinical space in the Small Animal Hospital. The Animal Care Attendants provide assistance to the Veterinary Technicians in completing daily treatments.

Essential functions as an Animal Care Attendant in the ECC will be:

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Patient Care - Provide high quality patient care to include the following:

- Provide patients with food and water as ordered by clinician.
- Assist technicians in completing patient treatments while demonstrating proper animal handling and humane restraint techniques, basic and species-specific husbandry techniques and proper daily care of medical equipment.
- Clean and maintain cages and clinical spaces.
- Clean and stock patient care areas and food room.
- Clean and maintain dog walk areas.
- Provide laundry service.
- Assist with proper disposition of patient remains including preparation of clay paws and proper preparation of a body (including tags) for disposition.

Patient Transport – Responsibilities include:

- Assist with patient visits.
- Assist with patient drop offs and discharges.
- Transport patients between services within the Hospital.
- Transport deceased patients to mortuary room. 10%

Miscellaneous

- Other duties as assigned by supervisor.

The schedule for this position is anticipated to be: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 6am-3:15pm

What We're Looking For

Basic Requirements:

- High School Diploma or the equivalent with up to one year of related experience.
- Ability to effectively work as a member of a team.
- Pride in maintaining assigned areas in a hospital environment.
- Basic computer skills including the ability to learn the electronic medical record system.
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs. with or without accommodation.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Vocational/technical training or Associates Degree preferred with one or more years of experience.
- Knowledge of animal behavior, restraint, feeding and basic sanitation.
- Exotic animal handling skills. Exotic animals include birds, rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, rodents, special small mammals (such as chinchillas or hedgehogs), reptiles, and amphibians. For Animal Care Attendants working primarily with the Zoological Companion Animal (ZCAM) program, exotic animal handling skills are required.

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Pay Range

Minimum \$18.00, Midpoint \$20.80, Maximum \$23.90

Salary is based on related experience, expertise, and internal equity; generally, new hires can expect pay between the minimum and midpoint of the range.

Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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