

Nechako Valley Animal Health Services

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Volunteer Expectations/Description

At Nechako Valley Animal Health Services, we are happy to help those who are interested in entering the veterinary field. A variety of cases can be seen on a daily basis with veterinarians and staff available to answer any questions you may have. Due to the amount of people asking to volunteer, we are careful at selecting only those who are truly serious about applying to Veterinary or Animal Health Technology programs. Our expectations of our volunteers are as follows.

- Assist in cleaning up after procedures
- Assist in setting-up for procedures
- Assist in general cleaning of the office, yard, barn, and clinic
- Ask questions pertaining to the tasks at hand and veterinary medicine in general

****Always consult with a staff member for proper cleaning procedures.****

Clinic rules that must be followed:

- Ask before doing - if you have any questions or concerns at any time, ASK!
- Under no circumstance are you to restrain animals for veterinarians or staff.
- Never pet or approach a caged pet or large animal without asking.
- Wash your hands after touching any animal or cleaning. Wash your hands before leaving the premises.
- You are to be dressed in a presentable manner; no jeans, sweatpants, shorts, tank tops or dresses.
- Only closed-toed footwear is allowed.
- You are to conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times, especially in the presence of clients.
- Cases seen at the clinic are not to be discussed outside the clinic. The client-veterinarian relationship is a professional one that requires strict confidentiality.
- Under no circumstance are you to be in contact with any of the medications or vaccines in the clinic.
- Address the veterinarian as 'Doctor' when a client/patient is present.
- Never disrupt the veterinarian while she/he is with a client or patient.
- If you observe any patient in distress or are unsure of their condition, notify a staff member immediately.
- Never answer a client's question - ask a staff member for assistance.

Disregard for any of these rules may result in termination of your time spent here.