Chimp Haven is hiring!

**Veterinary Technician needed immediately**

Come share your talents and join our team of animal caregivers!

As the National Chimpanzee Sanctuary, Chimp Haven is the only destination for government owned chimpanzees retired from research laboratories. It is our goal to provide a healthy, happy life for every one of the chimpanzees at our spacious 200-acre campus.

Are you looking for a unique career opportunity? Are you an energetic and enthusiastic team player who thrives in a team environment? Do you have an exceptional aptitude for the care and well-being of animals? Are you available to work flexible shifts including weekends and holidays as needed? If you have the passion to provide ongoing care, support, and attention to the chimpanzee residents of Chimp Haven, you could be our next team member!

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to careers@chimphaven.org or fax to 318-925-5600. For more information, please visit our website at www.chimphaven.org
ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW: At Chimp Haven we believe we’re not that different, humans and chimpanzees. Chimps have personalities, emotions and relationships, just like us, and we are on a mission to connect them to the happy healthy lives they deserve. That is why we are providing and promoting personalized care for chimpanzees (most of whom were retired from biomedical research) by helping them, for their remaining years, live a good life – the chimp life. Chimp Haven serves as The National Chimpanzee Sanctuary and is located on 200-forested acres in northwest Louisiana just outside of Shreveport. Chimp Haven provides excellent care for more than 280 chimpanzees retired from research or no longer used in the entertainment industry or as pets. As more retired chimpanzees make their way from research institutions to sanctuary, our population continues to grow. Chimp Haven has a well-designed facility to support the physical and emotional well-being of all animals, experienced staff and high standards for operational excellence. Chimp Haven offers a competitive salary, excellent benefits, extensive training and an opportunity for professional advancement. We wish to thank all applicants for their interest and effort in applying for this position, however, only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

Chimp Haven is committed to hiring and retaining a diverse workforce. We are proud to be an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer, making decisions without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, national origin, age, veteran status, disability or any other protected class. U.S. Citizenship is required for most positions.

Job Summary
Provide medical care for chimpanzees. Most duties performed under general supervision.

Duties and Responsibilities
- Assist veterinarian with physical exams, treatments and procedures, including the collection of samples for testing.
- Perform routine veterinary procedures under direction of Veterinarian.
- Assist during surgery and necropsies, including operation of equipment.
- Autoclave surgical instruments.
- Maintain cleanliness of vet clinics.
- Observe chimpanzees for detection of symptoms associated with disease.
- Dispense medication to chimpanzees under direction of veterinarian.
- Order and stock veterinary supplies.
- Record observations and may maintain chimpanzee medical records.
- Maintain medical equipment.
- May sedate and recover chimpanzees.
- Coordinate laboratory tests.
- Work with behavioral staff to train chimpanzees to cooperate during medical procedures.
- Assist behavioral or husbandry staff as required, including participation in colony management decisions.
- May serve as team leader.
- Assist with training of new employees
- May train other animal care staff on techniques and procedures.
- May supervise volunteers.
- Perform related duties as required.

**Education and Experience Required**
Associates degree or Veterinary Technical degree required. A bachelor's degree in related area and four years' experience as a veterinary technician can be substituted for the below education/experience requirement.

Education Preferred: A licensed Veterinary Technical degree is preferred.

Experience and skills required: Six years veterinary technician experience required.

Experience and skills preferred: One year working with nonhuman primate preferred.

**Other requirements and working conditions**
This work will require bending, carrying, kneeling, lifting, listening, pulling, pushing, reading, speaking, squatting, standing, stooping, stretching, walking, watching and writing. Must be able to routinely lift and carry 165 lbs. for short distances. Must be able to assist in lifting chimpanzees (up to 198 lbs.).

Duties may require driving Chimp Haven vehicles, and must have a valid driver's license and meet Chimp Haven's motor vehicle operating standards.

Work may involve considerable outdoor work in various weather conditions.

Potential exists for animal bites and scratches.

Potential exposure to unpleasant odors, animal wastes, animal tissues and body fluids, toxic chemicals, zoonotic diseases (tuberculosis, shigella etc.), infectious agents (Hepatitis B,C, HIV, etc.).

Weekend, holiday and night work may be necessary.

Participation in a medical monitoring and surveillance program that includes hepatitis B and other inoculations is required.

Safety training, equipment, clothing and supplies will be provided.

*Send cover letter, salary requirement and resume to: careers@chimphaven.org or fax resume to Human Resources Department @ 318-925-5600.*