

# Veterinary Assistant Apprenticeship



Looking for not just a job, but a career? Take a closer look at becoming a

## Veterinary Assistant

If you are a Californian resident with a disability looking to get into the workforce, now is the time to start a rewarding career as an apprentice Veterinary Assistant!

**The Ready, Willing and Able initiative is currently recruiting for high-quality positions as an apprentice Veterinary Assistant in the Los Angeles area.**

Veterinary assistants have a broad range of responsibilities and will typically divide their time between reception duties, assisting in exams, dispensing medications, aiding in radiography, prepping for surgery, providing nursing care, and conducting basic lab tests.

**Through combining paid employment with on-the-job training and formal technical instruction, as an apprentice Veterinary Assistant, you will:**

- Earn while you learn
- Develop practical skills and experience in a real world setting
- Study towards a nationally recognized qualification
- Work and learn alongside individuals passionate about recovery

**Pre-Requisites:**

- High school diploma (or GED equivalent)
- Availability to work full-time
- Motivated to take any required learning courses as part of your professional development
- Enthusiasm for a career in a professional support role

**Apprentice Veterinary Assistant positions typically have 9 months of training (2 days in person, 2 days on campus) and will consist of:**

- Compensation commensurate with experience
- Health and dental benefits
- Retirement savings plan
- Opportunities for mentorship and growth within the organization

**Did you know that upon qualification Veterinary Assistant enjoy a median starting salary of \$36,611? \***

<https://www.salary.com/research/salary/benchmark/veterinary-assistant-salary/ca>

### HOW TO APPLY

To apply now please email [recruitment@readywillingable.us](mailto:recruitment@readywillingable.us)  
For more information phone **Alexandra Mendoza on 949 685 9020**



Ready, Willing and Able is a partnership between the California Department of Rehabilitation and the Institute for Workplace Skills and Innovation America which seeks to aide Californians with disabilities to access exciting full-time career opportunities.

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## What You Need To Know

Veterinary assistants have a broad range of responsibilities and will typically divide their time between assisting the receptionists, helping doctors with physical examinations, dispensing medications, and helping veterinary technicians position patients for and process radiographs, prepare patients for surgery, provide nursing and comfort care, and perform treatments or basic laboratory diagnostic tests.

### On the job, you will:

- Build positive, professional relationships with clients and staff members.
- Pursue significant on-the-job training

## What Do You Need To Succeed In This Role?

### Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Know the range of services the practice provides and the species it treats.
- Be reasonably familiar with breeds and coat colors.
- Accurately estimate weights of patients.
- Give directions to the practice.
- Follow OSHA standards. Be able to find Safety Data Sheets quickly.
- Know and use standard medical and business abbreviations.
- Use proper medical terminology when speaking and writing.
- Understand the life cycle and pathology of common parasites (intestinal parasites, heartworms, fleas, ticks), and know the names of most common preventatives, recommended treatments, and diagnostics.
- Be familiar with zoonotic (contagious) diseases, including their prevention and steps to reduce or eliminate transmission.
- Know the policies regarding provision of veterinary care, treatment of stray animals, deposits for hospitalized patients, payments, credit, pet health insurance, and finance fees.
- Competently speak and write the English language.



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