BioCareer Pathway for Animal Care Technician

Job Functions
(You may be responsible for more than one)

- Provide for, and ensure, the care and well-being of animals.
- Provide clinical and/or technical support in the diagnosis and treatment of animal health.
- Taking and analyzing samples, dispensing medications, performing general health assessments.
- Support surgical and medical interventions under the supervision of a Veterinarian.

Recent Graduates
- Secondary School Diploma
  - College Certificate or Diploma program
  - Undergraduate degree (BSc)
  - Association accreditation (RVT, Registered Veterinary Technician/or Technologist)

Entry-level
- Animal Care Technician (Employment in pet stores, animal shelters, with dog/animal groomers and trainers and in veterinary clinics)

2-5 Years
- Animal Care Technician/Veterinary Technician

5-7 Years
- Animal Care Technician/Veterinary Technician/Research Technician (clinical speciality such as microsurgery or anaesthesiology)

7 Years+
- Senior Animal Care Technician/Veterinary Technician/Research Technician
  - An experienced Animal Care Technician may become highly specialized in a unique research or clinical area e.g. transgenetics, wildlife medicine, biosecurity.

Career Change
- Nursing; Research Associate; Research Technician

Actual job titles may vary slightly between organizations. The BioCareer Pathways are meant as a guide for potential career paths. They have been developed through secondary research.

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