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Veterinary Technician II

Job Location Varies @ Racetracks in KY

Department Kentucky Horse Racing Commission

Salary \$18 - \$24 hourly

Description

An exciting opportunity to work with Kentucky State Veterinarians, assisting with the regulation of horseracing throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. We are a leader in the safety and integrity of the sport, as well as the welfare of the horse. As an Equine Veterinary Technician II, you will collect and process blood and urine samples for drug testing. Medication regulation and anti-doping strategies are key to the safety of horses, jockeys and drivers, and to the integrity of competition.

The horse industry has a \$4 billion estimated economic impact in Kentucky, and the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission is charged with protecting the confidence of horseracing stakeholders - owners, trainers, breeders, fans, and the wagering public - through enforcement of its regulations. The Veterinary Technician plays an important role in insuring that the sampling process can withstand legal scrutiny, and that drug testing results can be used to enforce the rules of racing.

The ideal candidate must be a graduate of an accredited college or university with an associate's degree in a field related to veterinary sciences. Candidate must be a currently licensed Veterinary Technician with two years' experience, preferably in an equine racetrack setting. Work is typically performed outdoors in horse barns and at racetracks. Attention to detail is critical. Incumbent will be exposed to dangers and hazards associated with working around horses and racetracks. Must be able to bend, stoop, climb, lift and walk long distances.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assist state veterinarians in the collection and processing of biological sampling (blood, urine and/or hair) from horses participating in race meets throughout the year at various locations across the Commonwealth of Kentucky
- Perform administrative tasks and complete documentation associated with equine biologic sample collection
- Manage sample processing and shipping supplies/inventory
- Maintain clean and orderly sample processing and retention areas
- Assists the veterinarians in implementing the rules and laws governing the horse racing industry
- Other duties as assigned

