

**COSLEY ZOO  
VETERINARY CONTRACT 2017  
Animal Medical Clinic  
Ciribassi Veterinary Company**

**Term of contract:**

This contract shall remain in effect until mutually terminated or revised. The contract is to be reviewed on an annual basis.

**The following terms are agreed upon:**

**Veterinary Staff:**

Dr. Tawnia Zollinger of the Animal Medical Clinic will be the primary veterinarian for Cosley Zoo. Veterinarians employed at the Animal Medical Clinic will assist with procedures performed at the clinic when Dr. Zollinger is not available. For any veterinary work performed at the zoo, Dr. Elise Ciribassi of the Elise Stern Ciribassi, DVM, Ciribassi Veterinary Company will serve as an additional consulting veterinarian and will participate equally in routine on-site visits. For large animals except equine, Dr. Wayne Larson, Kaneville Veterinary Service PC will be used. For equine work, Dr. Heather Huffman of the Illinois Equine Field Service will be called. All veterinary services are to be coordinated by the primary veterinarian except in critical or emergency situations where a veterinarian must be contacted.

**Zoo Staff:**

The veterinarian(s) will work and communicate directly with the Zoo Director, Animal Curator or staff designated by the Zoo Director.

**Routine Rounds:**

The veterinarian is to make rounds of the zoo every other week at a designated time. Any change in the designated time must be agreed upon between the veterinarian and the Zoo Director or Animal Curator in advance. Rounds will be completed with the Animal Curator or staff designated by the Zoo Director or Animal Curator.

**Emergency Service:**

A veterinarian will be on call 24 hours per day, seven days a week for any emergencies. Expected response times will vary from 5 – 20 minutes depending on the time and day.

**Record Keeping – ZIMS**

- Both Dr. Zollinger and Dr. Ciribassi will be given access to create, and read medical records in ZIMS.
- Both veterinarians will be provided with training from Cosley Zoo staff to complete the above tasks.

- Drs. Zollinger and Ciribassi agree to not give out their passwords or use another person's username and password at any time.
- Dr. Zollinger and Dr. Ciribassi will make good faith efforts to enter accurate information within two weeks of the procedure/exam, not knowingly entering inappropriate or inaccurate information into ZIMS.
- Drs. Zollinger and Ciribassi agree to not distribute ZIMS information to anyone outside of Cosley Zoo staff without prior approval from the Zoo Director.

#### **Services Provided:**

Dr. Zollinger in cooperation with Dr. Ciribassi is to perform or coordinate:

- Physical examinations and vaccinations.
- Assistance with the evaluation of diets.
- Oversight of the use of chemical immobilization by the zoo staff.
- Keep accurate medical records and provide copies of non-ZIMS records to the zoo in a timely manner.
- Evaluation of quarantine and isolation procedures.
- Evaluation of disease/zoonoses prevention programs.
- Necessary lab work and interpretation.
- Gross necropsies and findings.
- Euthanasia.
- Procurement and proper administration of drugs.
- Examination of medical records of any new animal prior to acquisition.
- Any necessary treatment or surgery.
- Review medical records of any proposed acquisitions prior to the arrival of the animal.

#### **Compensation:**

The veterinarian(s) will be compensated for their normal rounds via a retainer of \$400/month for their services. This retainer will cover the following services:

- Regular rounds (two visits per month, two-four hours per visit).
- Annual wildlife vaccinations.
- On-site examinations during regular rounds
- On or off-site examinations of animals outside of regular rounds that have previously been diagnosed with a medical condition that requires rechecks for the same issue within two months of the original diagnosis.
- Gross necropsy (time and service).
- All phone, e-mail, text, or other forms of remote communication consultations concerning medical management of animals.


Other services provided by Dr. Zollinger and Dr. Ciribassi will be billed on a monthly basis, as follows:


- All surgical procedures and lab fees will be provided at a 25% discount off of regular clinic fees.

- Food and medications will be provided at the discounted rate of clinic cost plus 10%.
- Any initial on or off-site examinations conducted outside of normally scheduled rounds will be billed separately by each veterinarian at \$50 per examination. As noted in "compensation", follow-up examinations from the initial diagnosis will be included at no cost for up to two months. If the medical condition persists for more than two months, each subsequent on or off-site examination (beyond two months) will be billed at \$30 per visit.

All services provided by the other veterinarians will be billed by their clinics at their normal rates on a monthly basis.

All of the above terms are understood and agreed upon.

  
Dr. Tawnia Zollinger, DVM

  
Dr. Elise Ciribassi, DVM

4/5/17  
Date

  
Susan Wahlgren, Cosley Zoo Director

  
Michael Benard, Executive Director  
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