

COSLEY ZOO
VETERINARY CONTRACT 2020
Tawnia Zollinger, DVM Animal Medical Clinic
Laura Meals, DVM

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:

Tawnia Zollinger DVM, 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, Laura Meals DVM, will serve as an additional consulting veterinarian and will participate equally in routine on-site visits. In the absence of both Dr. Zollinger and Dr. Meals, Dr. Elise Ciribassi will serve as an on-call veterinarian. For large animals except equine, Dr. Lynda Gould, Ashton Animal Clinic 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 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 Animal Curator or Zoo Director 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

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

- Drs. Zollinger, Meals and Ciribassi agree to not give out their passwords or use another person's username and password at any time.
- Drs. Zollinger, Meals and 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, Meals 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. Meals 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 (less than two weeks)
- 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
- At a minimum, annually review preventative health protocols, nutrition and morbidity and mortality to identify any potential trends or issues

Compensation:

The two consulting veterinarian(s) will be compensated for their normal rounds via a retainer of \$450/month for their services (\$225/veterinarian). 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

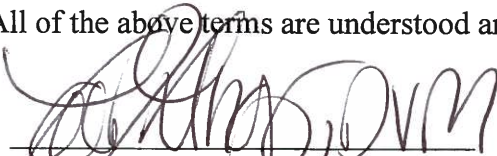
Other services provided by Dr. Zollinger, Dr. Meals and Dr. Ciribassi will be billed on a monthly basis, as follows:

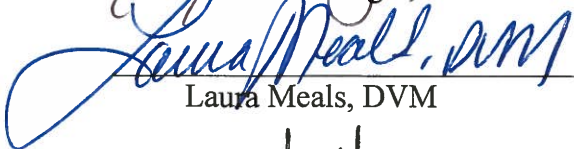
- All surgical procedures and lab fees will be provided at a 25% discount off of regular clinic fees

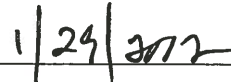
- Food and medications will be provided at the discounted rate of clinic cost plus 10%
- Any initial on or off-site examinations conducted outside of normally scheduled rounds will be billed separately by each veterinarian at \$55 per examination. As noted in "compensation", follow-up examinations from 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 \$33 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.


Lawnia Zollinger, DVM


Laura Meals, DVM


Date


Susan Wahlgren, Cosley Zoo Director


Michael Benard, Executive Director
Wheaton Park District

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