

# CATRINA SOTO, LVT

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## Skills Summary

Proficient in phlebotomy in both canine and feline, intravenous catheter placements, anesthesia, and standard ICU patient care. Knowledgeable in medical oncology, radiation oncology, and internal medicine. Management experience by overseeing a staff of 50 to ensure company standards, expectations, patient care, and client relations. Experience in mentoring and teaching students from high school, veterinary technical programs, and undergraduate pre-veterinary.

## Education

### ***High School Diploma-2000***

Completed all required courses to obtain diploma along with completing veterinary specific courses at Townview Magnet Center-High School of Health Professions.

### ***Associates of Applied Sciences in Veterinary Technology-2011***

#### ***Cedar Valley College***

Completed required courses to obtain degree in specific study both on campus and on-line.

### ***Bachelor of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology-2018***

#### ***Tarleton State University***

Completed on-line courses to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Veterinary Technology- Companion Animal Practice. Courses include but not limited to forensics, management, pharmacy, large animal, and nutrition.

### ***Masters in Agriculture Science-expected graduation-Fall 2023***

#### ***Texas A&M University-Commerce***

Completed on-line required courses to obtain a Master's Degree in Agriculture Science. Courses include but not limited to advance a animal behavior, adult education, and community leadership & development.

## **Experience**

### ***Eastlake Veterinary Hospital***

*Veterinary Technician Assistant/ 2001-2004*

Assisted in obtaining vitals, vaccines, surgeries, collecting a variety of samples such as blood, cytology's, fecal, and urine for diagnostics. Assisted in the adoption and rescue department by organizing paperwork, providing patient care, and communication with adoption coordinators. Organized and maintained all exam rooms for proper usage along with having responsibility of completing scheduled technician appointments.

### ***Veterinary Specialist of North Texas***

*Veterinary Technician/2004-2015*

Trained and exceeded knowledge in both medical and radiation oncology departments. Performed various radiation therapy treatments in canine, feline, and avian along with completing CT studies prior to treatments. Assisted in creating positioning requirements for CT imaging and radiation therapy treatments. Involved in treating exotics at a local large cat sanctuary with chemotherapy. Was later offered the responsibility to train other staff members and given the opportunity to oversee the medical oncology department. Continued to train and oversee staff in both departments until the opportunity of becoming the Director of Client and Patient Services.

### ***Veterinary Specialist of North Texas***

*Director of Client and Patient Services/ 2015-2021*

Offered the position of Director for our Dallas location which included responsibilities but not limited to, training new staff members in all departments, creating various protocols for procedures, hiring new members, conducting staff and department meetings, counseled and mentored staff, created training systems, assisted in organizing inventory, created staff schedules in order to meet the needs of the practice, maintained in house diagnostic equipment, made available to cover individual shifts in all departments, continue to oversee both Radiation and Medical Oncology departments, communicated with clients and other management teams located in our facility. Created and managed a mobile service unit for Dallas clients after a local storm affected the location of our practice to continue patient treatments.

### ***Texas A&M University-Commerce***

*Laboratory Coordinator for Veterinary Biomedical Technology Program 2021-current*

I assist the Program Director in educating and providing information for the current students here at the university. I have completed a variety of online training for research and handling

in the academia setting. I assist in conducting the skills labs and oversee all inventory for the program, along with being part of the renovations for our new facility on campus.

### ***Dallas Veterinary Surgical Center-Plano***

PRN LVT 2021-current

Assisted in surgical procedures, pre-operative diagnostics such as but not limited to blood chemistries, intravenous catheter placement, and prescription administration. Held the responsibilities of various surgical roles such as scrub sterile technician, instrument technician, and anesthesia technician.

### ***North Dallas Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Hospital- Frisco***

PRN emergency LVT June 2023-current

Triage emergency cases such as but not limited to toxicity ingestions, IMHA, and emesis; assist in surgical procedures, run in-house diagnostics, client communication and doctor organization.

### **Awards and Acknowledgements**

- Citi Program Training (completed/passed 16 courses)
- Veterinary Technician National Exam-passed
- Texas Bords of Veterinary Examiners-LVT #2361
- Completed various internships at local veterinary practices in order to meet course completion requirements for diploma and degrees.
- Guest speaker for the Veterinary Technology Club at Townview Magnet Center-High School of Health Professions
- Involved in Professional Internship Program (PIP) at Richardson High School
- Breast Cancer research in-clinic study
- Member of Veterinary Cancer Society
- Member of the Veterinary Team Association of Texas
- Member of the Association of Veterinary Technician Educators
- Member of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America

## **Professional References**

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