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ANIMAL CARE TECHNICIAN

This position performs experienced service work caring for impounded animals under general supervision at the Atascosa County Animal Control Facility. This includes feeding and observing the condition of animals held in the facility, maintaining sanitary and humane conditions at the facility and providing assistance to the public on animal related matters.

Essential Functions and Responsibilities:

- Checks animals brought to the facility for microchip and/or registration.
- Records details of animal history; such as weight, food intake and license number.
- Performs diagnostic testing as required.
- Feeds and provides water to animals according to schedules. Cleans and disinfects cages, pens, and yards at the Animal Shelter.
- Assists in behavioral and physical evaluation on animals to determine eligibility for adoption.
- Euthanizes animals, following established procedures in selecting and segregating animals for euthanasia.
- Ensures only identified animals are euthanized.
- Bathe animals and complete laundry when needed.
- Will perform manual custodial and housekeeping tasks.
- The employer may add to or change duties at any time and as determined by the County and its leaders to best ensure that the public is served through the work of the Department.

(Note: The listed duties are illustrative only and are not intended to describe each and every function which may be performed in the job class. The omission of specific statements does not preclude management from assigning specific duties not listed herein if such duties are a logical assignment to the position.)

Minimum Qualifications:

- Graduation from high school or the equivalent.
- Degree from an accredited Veterinary Technology program preferred.
- Experience: Five years of work experience in Veterinary related field.
- Additional qualifying education and/or experience which provides the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities may be substituted on a year for year basis;
- Assignment to work a variety of work schedules including compulsory work periods in special, emergency, and/or disaster situations.
- Must be able to comprehend, speak and read the English language.
- Must have and maintain good interpersonal and communication skills to deal with the public.
- Must be able to use a microscope effectively and perform Fecal Flotation, Skin Scrape, and Direct Heartworm Test.
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Knowledge, Abilities and Skills:

- Knowledge of techniques used in the care and feeding of animals.
- Knowledge of humane methods of the care, restraint and handling of animals.
- Ability to communicate well with others, both orally and in writing.
- Ability to deal with the public in an effective and courteous manner.
- Ability to work indoors and outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Ability to keep accurate records.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS/ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

- While performing the duties of this job, the employee may be exposed to outdoor weather conditions; occasionally exposed to wet, humid conditions (non-weather); fumes or airborne particles; and toxic and caustic chemicals.
- Dealing with animals, alive or dead, capturing, restraining, handling, and lifting up to 100 pounds with assistance.
- Physical strength and agility to lift heavy animals, equipment, and supplies.
- Exposure to high levels of work environment noise.
- This position requires some exposure or risk to physical health and/or physical safety (e.g., exposure to environmentally hazardous materials, etc.) This position may require the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Exposure to personal risk during assignments causing periodic contact with hostile or diseased animals.
- May require stooping, sitting, crouching, walking, pulling, lifting, grasping, kneeling, reaching, pulling, talking, standing,

Applications can be picked up the Atascosa County treasurer's office located at 1 Courthouse Circle Jourdanton Texas room 103.