

ATLANTIC COUNTY GOVERNMENT

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

PLEASE POST

Posting Date: 05/26/17

CONTINUOUS

TITLE: Animal Health Technician, P/T

Hours: 19.5 HRS/WK

SALARY: \$13.82/HR

Union ___ Mgmt X

DEPARTMENT: Human Services

NJCSC Test Required: Yes X No ___

LOCATION: Animal Shelter, Pleasantville

Grant Funded: Yes ___ No X

NOTE: This is a part-time position, 19.5 hours/week. Must provide college transcripts showing credits earned in the required fields.

DEFINITION

Under the direction of a Veterinarian, cares for and treats sick or injured animals; performs related work as required.

REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION:

Satisfactory completion of sixty (60) college credits, including eighteen (18) credit hours in zoology, biology, animal husbandry or related fields, at an accredited college or university.

NOTE: Applicants who possess eighteen (18) credits hours in zoology, biology, animal husbandry or related fields but who do not meet the remaining educational requirement may substitute one (1) additional year of experience as described below for each (30) credit hours they are lacking.

EXPERIENCE:

One (1) year of experience in work involving animal nutrition, taxonomy, animal behavior, parasitology or bacteriology.

LICENSE:

Appointees will be required to possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform the essential duties of the position.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Renders treatment of sick or injured animals as directed by the Veterinarian.

Medicates animals as prescribed by the Veterinarian.

Performs preliminary examinations of animals to determine symptoms of disease or injury, and reports findings to the Veterinarian.

Operates x-ray equipment to determine any internal injuries to animals.

Performs macro and microscopic studies on specimens of animal feces and skin scrapings in order to determine the kind and extent of any parasite infestation.

When surgery is performed, may assist the Veterinarian by sterilizing instruments, securing supplies, handing him surgical instruments, and disinfecting and cleaning up operating areas.

Removes diseased animal heads after decapitation and files appropriate reports with the State Health Department.

Under the direction of the Veterinarian, injects animals to be disposed of with lethal drugs.

Disinfects cages for the control and eradication of infections and communicable diseases.

Establishes and maintains detailed records and files of animals treated, and assistance rendered.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of animal care and handling.

Knowledge of the principals of normal and abnormal animal life processes, and of laboratory and clerical procedures.

Ability to gather and record information regarding cases, to prepare animal patients for examination, and ready instruments and equipment for use.

Ability to collect various specimens, perform standardized laboratory tests, and assist veterinarians in diagnostic, medical, and surgical procedures by preparing medications and applying dressings.

Ability to disinfect cages and keep area in a sanitary condition.

Ability to learn to utilize various types of electronic and/or manual recording and information systems used by the agency, office, or related units.

Ability to read, write, speak, understand, or communicate in English sufficiently to perform the duties of this position. American Sign Language or Braille may also be considered as acceptable forms of communication.

Persons with mental or physical disabilities are eligible as long as they can perform the essential functions of the job after reasonable accommodation is made to their known limitations. If the accommodation cannot be made because it would cause the employer undue hardship, such persons may not be eligible.

Interested, qualified applicants should apply online at www.aclink.org

**Alternatively, applications may be mailed to the
Atlantic County Division of Human Resources
1333 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401**

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