

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER I**NATURE OF WORK**

This is specialized field and enforcement work in the Animal Care and Control Division.

An employee in a position allocated to this class is responsible for investigating complaints, enforcing laws and apprehending/impounding animals. Work is performed under general supervision and is reviewed through conferences, written reports and observation of results obtained.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Responds to complaints concerning animals running at large, cruelty to animals, injured animals and animals creating a nuisance.

Conducts investigations for animal to human bites, checks for inoculation against rabies, physically places animals into bite quarantine and releases animals from bite quarantine.

Impounds animals in violation of County ordinances.

Handles fractious, dangerous and vicious animals.

Issues warning notices and citations to owners of animals in violation of County ordinances and State statutes.

Prepares investigative reports which may be introduced as legal evidence.

Patrols the County enforcing County animal ordinances and State statutes.

Disposes of dead animals found in the field.

Responds to complaints dealing with livestock, wildlife, exotics, honey bees and various domestic animals.

Maintains County Animal Control vehicles for supplies and cleanliness.

Performs related work as required.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Considerable knowledge of the custodial care of animals.

Considerable knowledge of the laws and regulations governing domestic animals.

Some knowledge of the remedial care of animals.

Ability to handle or restrain large and sometimes dangerous animals.

Ability to comprehend and follow instructions, orally and in writing.

Ability to perform animal euthanasia.

Sufficient physical strength and agility to perform tasks assigned.

Ability to load and maneuver a livestock trailer.

Ability to prepare and deliver comprehensive reports, orally and in writing.

MINIMUM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from high school or an equivalent recognized certification and minimum of six (6) months experience working with animals, preferably in a kennel, animal shelter or similar agency which would give knowledge of animal control laws; or any equivalent combination of related training and experience.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER I - CONT'D**NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Possession of a valid Florida drivers' license. Required to obtain and maintain Florida Animal Control Association (FACA) Animal Control Officer Certification within six (6) months of hire. Required to obtain and maintain Florida Animal Control Association (FACA) Euthanasia Technician certification within six (6) months of hire. Must successfully complete pre-exposure rabies treatment/vaccination.

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