

RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE

CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION TITLE: ANIMAL CARE SPECIALIST
FLSA STATUS: NON-EXEMPT

PURPOSE OF CLASSIFICATION

The purpose of this classification is to perform general/specialized work associated with providing effective and efficient animal control. Duties and responsibilities include cleaning of kennels, cages, and related spaces in the animal holding areas and shelter; feeding and watering animals; inventory of all animals twice daily; supply inventory and maintenance; training new employees; and the overall care of impounded animals. Documents and responds to all inquiries, service requests, and comments received from the public to provide pertinent information on adoptions, ordinance requirements, spay/neuter questions, and any other type of general information. Reports to Animal Control Supervisor.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The following duties are normal for this position. The omission of specific statements of the duties does not exclude them from the classification if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment for this classification. Other duties may be required and assigned.

Participates in the intake of animals received, reclaimed by owners and adoptions as needed.

Cleans and disinfects animal runs, kennels, cages, receiving areas, holding areas and laundry to ensure the health and well being of the animal population.

Feeds and waters all animals in shelter.

Monitors shelter animals for health, temperament, and available kennel space.

Must complete a thorough kennel inventory of all animals in the shelter twice a day.

Performs euthanasia of animals and administers vaccinations, anesthesia, as well as prescribed medications.

Assists Animal Control Officers in the process of impounding animals.

Prepares laboratory specimens for rabies testing or other testing; forwards specimens to laboratories; reviews laboratory reports; and communicates with veterinarians to coordinate animal care needs.

Maintains daily use inventory of kennel supplies and requests new supplies as needed.

Completes and files routine forms and reports.

Performs various clerical duties as required, such as filing, data entry, and document management.

Assists general public within the shelter.

Processes, logs, and tracks paperwork regarding lost/found pets, adoptions, citations and warnings, rabies tags, traps, impoundments, quarantines, and reclaimed animals. Provides information to the public on these and other issues.

Communicates to owners that their pet is in custody.

Provides citizens with assistance to resolve complaints.

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Communicates with the public on current Animal Services Ordinances, policies, and requirements as well as information on responsible pet ownership.

Receives and processes telephone calls.

Delegates and ensures part time staff members are completing their tasks effectively.

Receives payments and disburses receipts for various services.

Assists with peer training new employees on job related responsibilities and functions.

Completes work at assigned workstation that is determined by the supervisor.

Must work hours as scheduled.

Works under the supervision of Animal Control Supervisor who defines overall objectives and priorities of the work.

ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS

Performs other related duties as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

High school diploma or GED; and one (1) year of customer relations experience supplemented by two (2) months previous experience and/or training involving animal control or animal handling; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job. Must possess and maintain a valid Tennessee driver's license. Must possess and maintain valid Euthanasia Certification. Must possess time management skills, including the capability to work productively in fast-paced environment, keep focus on several tasks at once, and be prepared for interruptions when needed to attend to more crucial matters. Must be able to effectively communicate knowledge and information to a non-technical audience. Must possess basic computer skills, including but not limited to word processing, email, and Internet.

PERFORMANCE APTITUDES

Data Utilization: Requires the ability to calculate and/or tabulate data. Includes performing subsequent actions in relation to these computational operations.

Human Interaction: Requires the ability to provide guidance, assistance, and/or interpretation to others regarding the application of procedures and standards to specific situations.

Equipment, Machinery, Tools, and Materials Utilization: Requires the ability to operate and control the actions of equipment, machinery, tools and/or materials requiring complex and rapid adjustments.

Verbal Aptitude: Requires the ability to utilize a wide variety of reference, descriptive, and/or advisory data and information.

Mathematical Aptitude: Requires the ability to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division; the ability to calculate decimals and percentages; the ability to utilize principles of fractions; and the ability to interpret graphs.

Functional Reasoning: Requires the ability to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral, or diagrammatic form. Involves semi-routine standardized work with some latitude for independent judgment concerning choices of action.

Situational Reasoning: Requires the ability to exercise judgment, decisiveness and creativity in situations involving the evaluation of information against sensory, judgmental, or subjective criteria, as opposed to that which is clearly measurable or verifiable.

ADA COMPLIANCE/PHYSICAL DEMANDS ANALYSIS

Physical Ability: Tasks require the regular and, at times, sustained performance of moderately physically demanding work, typically involving some combination of climbing and balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, and crawling, and that may involve the lifting, carrying, pushing, and/or pulling of moderately heavy objects and materials (20-50 pounds); may occasionally involve heavier objects and materials (up to 150 pounds).

Sensory Requirements: Some tasks require the ability to perceive and discriminate colors or shades of colors, sounds, odor, depth, texture, and visual cues or signals. Some tasks require the ability to communicate orally.

Environmental Factors: Performance of essential functions may require exposure to adverse environmental conditions, such as dirt, dust, pollen, odors, wetness, humidity, rain, fumes, temperature and noise extremes, machinery, vibrations, traffic hazards, bright/dim light, toxic agents, violence, disease, pathogenic substances, animal/wildlife attacks, or animal bites.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS ANALYSIS

1. **STANDING AND WALKING**

Estimated Total Hours: 5 Maximum Continuous Time: 2

2. **SITTING**

Estimated Total Hours: 3 Maximum Continuous Time: 1

3. **LIFTING/CARRYING**

Objects: Animals

Weight	Hourly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
<10 lbs	X				
11-25 lbs	X				
26-50 lbs	X				
51-75 lbs		X			
76-100 lbs			X		
>100 lbs			X		

4. **PUSHING/PULLING**

Objects: animals, trash, food containers, cages, cat litter

Height of hands above floor during push: most frequently chest level

5. **CLIMBING**

Tasks: cleaning top cages

Device: ladders, step stools

Height: 4 foot ladder to reach 8 foot cage

Frequency: daily

6. **BENDING/SQUATTING/KNEELING**

Tasks: vaccinating, cleaning cages, laundry, calling animals, picking up animals

Frequency: frequently, several times a hour

7. **REACHING**

Tasks: cleaning, retrieving animals, laundry, dishes, litter pan, vaccinations, inventory, identification

Hands Used: RIGHT LEFT BOTH X

Distance	Direction	Frequency	Duration	Avg. Weight
0-20"	Both	Daily	30 seconds per pan	2.5 pounds
21-36"	Straight and angled	45 times a day	15 minutes	8 lb cat; 30 lb dog

* Litter pan set up and cleaning the cages

8. WORK CONDITIONS

Exposure to	Yes	No
Hot Temperatures	X	
Cold Temperatures	X	
Sudden Changes in Temperature	X	
Noise	X	
Fumes/ odors	X	
Cramped Quarters	X	
Cold Surfaces		X
Hot Surfaces	X	
Sharp Edges	X	
Vibration		X
Fluorescent Lighting	X	
Computer Monitor Screen Glare	X	

Inside Building	90 % of time
Outside	10 % of time

9. OTHER JOB DEMANDS

Does Job Require	Yes	No
Crawling	X	
Jumping		X
Lying on Back	X	
Lying on Stomach	X	
Twisting	X	
Sweeping/Mopping	X	
General Cleaning	X	
Handling Trash	X	

10. LIST TOOLS, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS USED

Including but not limited to computer, phone, fax machine, copy machine, brooms, mops, scrub brushes, spray bottles, squeegees, latex gloves, needles, knives, catch poles, nets, muzzles, carriers, ladders, pooper scoopers, carts, vehicles, stretchers, ramps

11. HAND USE

Type of Use	Yes	No	Frequency
Keystrokes	X		1-2 hours per day
Grasp	X		Frequently (90% of time)
Fine Motor (i.e. writing, twisting hands or wrist, etc.)	X		Frequently (90% of time)

Exemption Status Test (Administrative Employee)

~ Answer the following to determine whether a worker is misclassified as an exempt administrative employee:

1. Regularly receives a predetermined amount constituting all or part of the employee's salary, which is not subject to reduction because of variations in the quality or quantity of work performed.

Yes

2. Is the employee's primary duty performing office or non-manual work directly related to the management or general business operations of the employer or the employer's customers?

No

3. Does the employee exercise discretion and independent judgment with respect to matters of significance? That is, does he evaluate and compare possible courses of action and then make a decision or recommendation after considering the various possibilities?

Yes

4. Is the employee paid the equivalent of at least \$455 per week on a salary basis?

Yes

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Rutherford County, Tennessee, is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the County will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer. Signatures below indicate the receipt and review of this classification description by the employee assigned to the position and the immediate supervisor.

Employee's Signature

Supervisor's Signature

Date

Date