

## **VETERINARY TECHNICIAN**

### **DEFINITION**

To perform paraprofessional/technical work in the field of veterinary medicine and basic health care of animals impounded or in custody in Lane County Animal Services save adoptable animals environment including, but not limited to inoculations, basic first aid, and health checks.

### **SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED**

Receives general supervision from assigned management and/or supervisory staff, and specific directions from a licensed veterinarian.

### **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES** - Duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

Humanely administers daily medication and preventative vaccinations to animals.

Obtains and documents accurate medical information on animals.

Monitors and records condition of animals and opinions concerning diagnosis as necessary.

Monitors and stocks drug, vaccine and medical supplies.

Coordinates and trains interns and volunteers.

Keeps accurate computerized drug, vaccine and medical supply inventory records.

Coordinates spay/neuter arrangements for adopted or impounded animals.

Handles all types of animals in a save adoptable animals kennel setting.

Assist Kennel Attendants in routine care of animals on site.

Provides paraprofessional advice in animal care and animal health topics to the agency.

Provides information and assists the public and veterinarians.

May perform euthanasia as directed by supervisory staff.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Knowledge of:

Animal health, behavior, care, handling and breed identification.

Common animal diseases, including for dogs and cats.

Basic first aid for injured animals.

Injection techniques and methods.

Record maintenance and methods of keeping accurate records.

Methods and techniques used to physically maneuver, control, lift and carry.

Safe and efficient animal handling techniques.

Ability to:

Recognize common animal diseases in dogs and cats.

Administer injections to animals in a humane way.

Maintain accurate and concise records.

Physically maneuver, control, lift and carry animals.

Follow written or oral instructions.

Follow technical procedures to perform humane euthanasia of animals by injection method without direct supervision.

Meet and tactfully deal with the public.

Remain calm and use good judgment during confrontational or high pressure situations.

Feed and care for shelter animals.

Maintain clean and sanitized kennel areas.

Educate the public in animal care.

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Ability to:

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Use office equipment and computers.

Experience and Training:

Training:

Equivalent to the completion of a twelfth grade education and two years of additional training or course work in the animal health field.

Experience:

Two years' experience in an animal health-related field including care and handling of dogs and cats, and working with the public.

An equivalent combination of experience and training that will demonstrate the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Possession of a Certified Veterinary Technician Certificate issued by the Oregon Veterinary Medical Board.

May obtain certification as an Oregon Certified Euthanasia Technician.

Possession of a valid Oregon driver's license.