

VETERINARIAN, 2365

Summary of Duties : Examines, diagnoses, gives emergency treatment to, and inspects the care and treatment of animals in the custody of the Department of Animal Regulation; performs surgery in a Spay and Neuter Clinic, or supervises a small staff engaged in such work; and does related work.

Distinguishing Features : A Veterinarian does professional work in the City-wide care and treatment of animals. Assignments are received in terms of desired objectives. Work and decisions on major problems are subject to general review.

Examples of Duties : Diagnoses and gives emergency or first-aid treatment to sick, diseased, and injured animals; examines animals suspected of having rabies; aids in investigations of mistreatment of animals; inspects establishments having a permit to keep animals to insure conformance to pertinent laws, ordinances, and regulations; inspects establishments using pound animals for scientific research; operates and supervises a City clinic providing spay and neuter surgery; performs postmortem examinations to determine causes or types of animal diseases or fatalities;

Advises the public and Department employees on matters within the field of veterinary medicine; conducts periodic classes in first aid to animals; makes studies and recommendations on specified problems concerning the application of veterinary services; estimates veterinary requirements for the Department budget; represents the Department at meetings involving matters within the field of veterinary medicine; serves on Department committees; appears in court as an expert witness, and may occasionally be assigned to other duties for training purposes or to meet technological changes or emergencies.

Qualifications : A good knowledge of veterinary medicine and the diseases, treatment, and care of large and small animals, particularly dogs and cats, together with skill in diagnosis and postmortem procedures; a good knowledge of State and City laws and ordinances pertaining to the humane treatment of animals;

The ability to plan and supervise the work of professional and technical personnel; the ability to communicate orally; the ability to deal tactfully and effectively with the public and others; and the ability to prepare clear and concise reports and recommendations.

Graduation from a school of veterinary medicine recognized by the Board of Examiners in Veterinary Medicine of the State of California, and two years of full-time paid professional experience in the practice of veterinary medicine is required. One year of graduate study in

veterinary medicine or a closely related field may be substituted for one year of the required experience.

Licenses :

A valid license to practice veterinary medicine issued by the California Board of Examiners in Veterinary Medicine is required.

A valid California driver's license is required.

Physical Requirements:

Strength to perform lifting up to 15 pounds and occasionally over 25 pounds; good speaking and hearing ability; good eyesight.

Persons with medical limitations may, with reasonable accommodations, be capable of performing the duties of some of the positions in this class. Such determination must be made on an individual basis in light of the person's limitations, the requirements of the position, and the appointing authority's ability to effect reasonable accommodations to the person's limitations.

As provided in Civil Service Commission Rule 2.5 and Section 4.55 of the Administrative Code, this specification is descriptive, explanatory and not restrictive. It is not intended to declare what all of the duties and responsibilities of any position shall be.