

**Animal Control Officer
Senior - Principal
Annual Salary \$39,000.00**

Please submit all resumes and completed job applications to The Township of Edison HR Dept., 100 Municipal Blvd., Edison NJ 08817 on or before August 10, 2017.

Under direction, handles, captures, and when necessary, humanely destroys wild and strayed domesticated animals and birds; cares for impounded animals; cleans and maintains the impounding facility; may take the lead over one or more Assistant Animal Control Officers; does other related work.

Note: The examples of work for this title are for illustrative purposes only. A particular position using this title may not perform all duties listed in this job specification. Conversely, all duties performed on the job may not be listed.

Examples of Work:

Patrols the streets, captures and impounds stray animals, wild game, birds, and unlicensed dogs.

Cares for and feeds animals in the public pound and observes their physical condition and behavior.

Contacts veterinarian when necessary.

Uses nets, traps, or tranquilizer gun to capture wild animals or strayed domesticated pets.

Captures and impounds animals suspected of being rabid and observes their physical condition.

Destroys rabid animals in a humane way and takes their remains to State Health Clinic for analysis.

Handles complaints regarding wild and stray animals, and licensed and unlicensed domesticated animals and investigates alleged violations of state anti- cruelty statutes.

Enforces the rabies control program and issues summons for violations of local or state animal control ordinances.

Cleans and maintains sanitation of the impounding facility; washes and scrubs the facility, cleans up feces and urine, and dips and bathes animals, to rid them of fleas and ticks.

Promotes the adoption of animals and arranges for their spaying and neutering.

Maintains records and files.

Requirements:

One (1) year of experience in animal control.

Applicants must possess a current and valid certificate as an Animal Control Officer issued by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

Note: Appointees may be required to complete a course and obtain certification in the Chemical Immobilization of Animals.

For Senior: Two (2) years as Animal Control Officer. Upon verification of requirements, promotion will become effective the following July 1.

For Principal: Two (2) years as Senior Animal Control Officer. Upon verification of requirements, promotion will become effective the following July 1.

Knowledge and Abilities:

Knowledge of the methods used to handle and capture stray and wild animals, and birds.

Knowledge of the types of equipment used in animal control.

Knowledge of the common communicable diseases of domesticated and wild animals and the methods of control.

Knowledge of the methods used to care for and feed impounded animals.

Knowledge of the humane methods used to destroy stray and wild animals, and birds.

Ability to interpret laws, rules and regulations and apply them to specific situations.

Ability to capture and impound animals.

Ability to feed and care for animals.

Ability to promote the adoption of animals.

Ability to recognize sick or injured animals and to arrange for medical care..

Ability to handle complaints regarding animals and take proper remedial actions.

Ability to humanely destroy animals and birds when necessary.

Ability to enforce the jurisdiction's rabies control program.

Ability 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.

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