



Bastrop County Job Posting

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Title: Animal Control Officer Full Time	Opening Date: October 22, 2018	Application Deadline: Open Until Filled	Job Posting Number: 18166
Department: Animal Services	Pay Range: \$15.76 - \$16.76 hourly	Location: Bastrop, Texas	Travel: N/A

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL JOB POSTING

Brief Job Description: Under the supervision of the Shelter Manager, this position is responsible for enforcing local and state laws and ordinances concerning the care, use, treatment, sales of, licensing, and impounding of animals. Conducts inspections and investigations, issues citations and warnings, and reports daily activities. Captures, impounds, and disposes of animals as necessary. Educates the public about relevant animal regulations, responsible pet ownership, and humane animal care. Prepares and maintains records and other documentation related to assigned functions in accordance with existing laws and local policies. Performs other duties as assigned or directed.

General Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Must possess knowledge of animal health and well being; proper care of wild and domestic animals; and various animal species, and breeds. Must have the ability to handle animals safely and effectively, including using specialized equipment related to animal capture, restraint, and impoundment. Must be able to recognize and identify signs of animal neglect, abuse, cruelty, illnesses, diseases, and injuries. Must be able to lift and load equipment, supplies and other heavy objects or animals; ability to properly quarantine animals when rabies is a potential factor; ability to perform euthanasia and dispose of the remains in accordance with laws and regulations. Requires knowledge of the basic methods and procedures of kennel cleaning and maintenance. Must possess the ability to maintain effective working relationships with co-workers and the public, to understand and follow verbal and written instructions, and to communicate clearly and concisely, both verbally and in writing. Must be able to maintain a safe driving record and the confidentiality of the Department at all times.

Minimum Qualifications:

High School Diploma or equivalent;

Must possess a valid Texas driver's license;

Experience handling, identifying, restraining, and caring for animals;

Must possess or have the ability to obtain a Basic Animal Control Officer Certification within six (6) months of employment from the Texas Department of State Health Services;

Must be able to work flexible schedules which will include weekends, and holidays.

Bastrop County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, national origin, sex, religion or disability in employment or in its activities. Minorities, Veterans, and Disabled applicants are encouraged to apply.

A Bastrop County Application is required, and can be completed online at: <http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/co.jobs>. A resume will be considered, but will not be accepted in lieu of application. Applications postmarked after the closing date will not be accepted. Unless otherwise indicated, regular attendance is an essential job requirement of all positions in the County. All positions requiring a degree and/or licensing require proof of degree and/or license. Your application for employment with Bastrop County may subject you to a criminal background check.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS: Only applicants scheduled for interviews will be contacted. If you are scheduled for an interview and require any reasonable accommodation in our interview process, please inform the hiring representative who calls you to schedule your interview. Whenever possible, please give the hiring representative sufficient time to consider and respond to your request. Thank you for considering employment with Bastrop County. Visit our website at: <http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/co.jobs>

BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS

Job Description

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Department: Animal Services

FSLA Status: Non-Exempt

Reports To: BCAC Shelter Manager

SUMMARY: Under the supervision of the Animal Services Shelter Manager, this position is responsible for enforcing local and state laws and ordinances concerning the care, use, treatment, sales of, licensing, and impounding of animals. Conducts inspections and investigations, issues citations and warnings, and reports daily activities. Captures, impounds, and disposes of animals as necessary. Educates the public about relevant animal regulations, responsible pet ownership, and humane animal care.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives close supervision from Shelter Manager; is further supervised by Animal Control Director;

Exercises no supervision.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following:

1. Routinely patrols designated area enforcing local and state animal laws and ordinances. Responds to dispatched calls in priority order and determines appropriate action.
2. Apprehends and confines stray, injured, and nuisance domestic and wild animals in the most safe and humane way possible, in accordance with BCAC policies and procedures. Administers minor emergency first aid to animals. Transports animals to BCAC shelter facility.
3. Impounds, quarantines, and disposes of animals as appropriate. Administers medication in accordance with BCAC policies and procedures and State law. Euthanizes sick, injured, or homeless animals as necessary. Disposes of dead animals. Returns pets to owners and transports animals to veterinarian facility as needed.
4. Investigates reports or complaints of animal-related problems or nuisances; takes appropriate action including issuance of warnings or citations; investigates reports of animal abuse; investigates animal bite reports; prepares rabies specimens as necessary. Prepares written investigative reports that may be introduced as legal court evidence.
5. Assists citizens with information regarding situations such as nuisance or trapped animals, and answers questions about animal control policies and laws. Assists in conducting education programs including making presentations at schools, providing information on responsible pet ownership and humane animal treatment.
6. Prepares and maintains a variety of daily records and reports.

7. Inspects and cleans department vehicles and equipment; reports maintenance issues to Shelter Manager and responds as directed.
8. Assists as needed with the care of shelter animals, including feeding/watering, cleaning of kennels, holding areas, yard areas, and general housekeeping duties.
9. Subject to emergency call-in, weekend, and/or holiday duty as directed by supervisor.
10. Works as part of a team and maintains a cooperative, helpful attitude towards fellow workers, supervisors, and the general public;
11. Maintains confidentiality and security of all case work and any additional information provided;

OTHER FUNCTIONS: Performs other job related duties as directed by supervisor(s).

NOTE: The essential functions describe the general nature and level of work being performed by employees holding this position. This is not intended to be a comprehensive listing of all duties and responsibilities required, nor is all duties listed necessarily performed by any one employee so classified.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Knowledge of:

Animal health and well-being, proper care of wild and domestic animals;
Various animal breeds and species;
Basic methods of animal capture, restraint, and impoundment;
Pertinent local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the care and control of animals;
Basic methods and procedures of kennel cleaning and maintenance.

Ability to:

Handle animals safely and effectively;
Operate a variety of tools, capture equipment, and related gear used for capturing and securing animals;
Identify animal breeds, species, gender, and age;
Identify signs of animal illnesses, diseases, and injuries;
Recognize signs of animal neglect, abuse, and cruelty;
Perform general cleaning tasks using a variety of chemical and detergent products;
Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of the job;
Perform various manual tasks for extended periods of time and in unfavorable weather conditions;
Work a schedule which may include nights, weekends and holidays;
Perform heavy manual labor including loading/unloading animals into truck and cages;
Operate equipment required to perform essential job functions;
Work independently in the absence of supervision;
Work in a safety-conscious environment and to follow & promote good safety practices;
Learn, understand, and apply pertinent laws, rules, and regulations;
Understand and follow verbal and written instructions;
Communicate clearly and concisely, both verbally and in writing.

Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential duties of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

Making observations, operating assigned equipment, and communicating with others;
Employee must have visual abilities including close vision, distance vision, depth perception, peripheral vision, and the ability to adjust focus.

Effectively handle a work environment and conditions which involve:

Working with various kinds of animals, Exposure to loud noise, Exposure to various weather conditions, working closely with others, working outside normal business hours and in hours of darkness; Exposure to dust, dirt, fumes, animal waste, grasses, weeds, and other vegetation, and exposure to airborne particles;

Maintain physical condition needed to accomplish the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities, which may include:

Walking, sitting, stooping or standing for long periods of time, Lifting and carrying animals and heavy materials in excess of 100 pounds, Climbing, Crawling, Squatting, Kneeling, and Running, Performing heavy manual labor, working on uneven and/or slippery surfaces.

Maintain mental capacity sufficient to accomplish the performance of assigned duties and Responsibilities, which may include:

Effective interaction and communication with others;
Prepare clear and concise reports;
Making sound decisions in a manner consistent with the essential job functions.

EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION, and LICENSING:

Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

Some knowledge and experience in handling, identifying, restraining, and caring for animals.

Education:

High School graduation or its equivalent.

Licensing:

Basic Animal Control Officer Certification in the State of Texas, or ability to be so certified within 6 months of hire date;
Possession of a valid Texas driver's license.

SELECTION GUIDELINES:

Formal application; rating of education and experience; oral interview; reference and other background checks; job-related tests may be required.

***** This position is subject to random and/or reasonable suspicion and/or post-accident testing for drugs and alcohol.**

This job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change. The employee further understands, and accepts, that this position falls under the provision of an "At Will" employment, and under no circumstances is a contract for employment.