

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CLASS

The DISTRICT VETERINARIAN directs a program of disease control in an assigned area involving animal health, sanitation, and preventive medicine using skills in veterinary medicine in accordance with statutory requirements, agency policy, and general veterinary medical principals. In emergencies a District Veterinarian may be required to perform duties in any area of the state.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

This is a single classification and not currently part of a series of classes.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Allocation of positions to this class will depend on the total work performed, which may include one or a combination of the duties or tasks listed below.

- 1.**Brucellosis Program.** Typical tasks: obtains blood samples from cattle and other livestock for submission to testing laboratory; obtains milk samples from cattle for laboratory tests; interprets results of laboratory tests for owners and managers of herds; recommends further action to Supervising Veterinarian; carries out procedures approved by Supervising Veterinarian; brands and tags reactor and suspect cattle; prepares the USDA and agency documents required for movement of cattle; directs the procedures required by Federal and State statutes to be carried out prior to release of brucellosis quarantine; discusses with practicing veterinarians and others their responsibilities under the brucellosis program.
- 2.**Tuberculosis Program.** Typical tasks: conducts tuberculin (TB) test on cattle and hogs; conducts comparative cervical tuberculin test on cattle identified as suspicious when tested by private practitioners; completes charts and forms required by USDA; identifies reactor and suspect cattle for slaughter; makes out necessary salvage forms for State and Federal indemnity of reactor cattle; makes arrangements for slaughter of reactor cattle including USDA 1-27 forms; makes epidemiological investigations to determine sources of infection when cattle or hogs are shown to be infected with tuberculosis; investigates importation regulation violations when animals requiring TB tests are not tested prior to importation.
- 3.**Other Infectious Diseases.** Typical tasks: at request of private practitioners, will aid in establishing diagnosis of problem; determines the necessity of requesting cooperation of Federal veterinary service in diagnosis of disease outbreaks; obtains and transports tissue and other specimens to laboratory.
- 4.**Pet and Captive Animal Program.** Typical tasks: inspects pet shops, kennels, grooming parlors, and related operations to determine compliance with the Pet and Captive Animal regulations; instructs operators of these establishments the regulations governing the establishments.
- 5.**Livestock Auction Markets.** Typical tasks: inspects livestock markets for compliance with applicable laws; consults with market-employed Deputy State Veterinarian concerning any problems at the market; determines that market management is complying with all State requirements applicable to

the type of market operation; inspects and approves or disapproves premises candidate for "one day sales" and informs Livestock Division of conclusions of suitability.

6.Exotic Animals. Typical tasks: discusses requirements for maintenance of exotic animals under State laws with prospective owners and owners; inspects facilities proposed for housing exotic animals; instructs owners in regulations to bring facilities into compliance with State law.

7.Epidemiology. Typical tasks: conducts complete epidemiologic investigations; makes project feasibility studies; assembles data, evaluates information, and prepares reports and recommendations; records technical literature for specialized information; prepares technical publications for dissemination of information to field; cooperates with other State and Federal agencies in investigations of joint interests; responds to statewide complaints involving possible environmental problems relative to animal health.

8.Miscellaneous. Typical tasks: attends meetings of livestock and other groups in assigned district and discusses problems of animal health with group; discusses and defends public policy as it affects livestock groups; inspects mobile slaughter units for compliance with State regulations; inspects poultry operations when communicable disease problems may be suspected; may aid Department of Fish & Wildlife representative in training of wildlife and police personnel in inspection of game meats for release for human consumption.

Employees in this class direct the agency's activities in animal health in the assigned district. The quality of work performed impacts on the agency interrelationships with agriculturists, humane activists, and other interested parties.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS

Employees in this class meet regularly with other district veterinarians and supervisory veterinarians of this agency. Employees have frequent contact with members of the public such as livestock owners, pet and exotic animal owners, humane society personnel, and veterinarians in private practice. Employees in this class will meet with livestock officers and discuss and/or aid with overcoming possible violations of State laws.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Employees in this class are under general supervision of the Supervising Veterinarian and State Veterinarian. Work is reviewed for completeness and accuracy. Regular inspection reviews of the area assigned the district veterinarian are made to determine quality of work performed for compliance with applicable State and Federal regulations.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES (KSA)

General knowledge of animal husbandry involving mammalian, avian, and reptilian species.

General knowledge of veterinarian microbiological principles.

General knowledge of standard laboratory testing procedures.

Basic knowledge of the principles and practices of veterinary epidemiology and their application to work of this agency.

Basic knowledge of the principles and practices of veterinary medicine and their application to disease control programs.

Basic knowledge of State and Federal laws and regulations pertaining to programs supervised by the Animal Health Division.

Skill in working with livestock owners including owners of pet animals to achieve the goals of the agency in animal health.

Skill in examining animals to determine disease status.

Skill in obtaining biological samples from animals for laboratory or other examination.

Skill in preparing written reports of work performance.

Skill in interpretation of test results and applying results in the field.

Ability to compile reports and records relative to specific work performed.

Ability to handle sensitive conditions about animals and their owners.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Employees in this class must be graduates of a school of veterinary medicine accredited or approved by the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board. (ORS 596.210(2)). Some positions in this class may require emphasis or special academic training in the field of veterinary medicine.

NOTE: The KNOWLEDGE and SKILLS are required for initial consideration. ABILITIES may be required for initial consideration, at any time during the selection process, or during a trial service period as a final stage of the selection process. Some duties performed by positions in this class may require different KSA's. No attempt is made to describe every KSA required for **all** positions in this class. Additional KSA requirements will be explained on the recruiting announcement.

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