

NoRTEC JOB SPECIFIC SKILLS COMPETENCY

ANIMAL CARETAKER

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Job Description: Feed, water, and exercise, and otherwise care for small animals in establishments such as pounds, animal hospitals, laboratories, or kennels. ***Physical Demands*** - Mildly active w/medium lifting, carrying, or moving (up to 50 lbs); ***General Educational Development*** - R2 M1 L1; ***Aptitudes*** - Average General Learning Ability, Verbal, Motor Coordination, Finger Dexterity, and Manual Dexterity.

CORE SKILL COMPETENCIES/INDICATORS:

1. Able to feed and water animals maintained in pens or other holding areas in compliance with prescribed diet, and according to schedule. (I, S)
2. Able to bath and groom animals, ensuring the safety of the animal and self. (I, S)
3. Able to sweep, wash, disinfect and perform minor repairs to kennels, cages, stalls and/or other areas where animals are housed. (R, T, S)
4. Able to maintain and/or organize tack room or other storage areas. (R, S)
5. Able to maintain and/or repair tack and other items used for working with animals. (R, S)
6. Able to determine and perform appropriate exercise routines for animals. (R, I, S)
7. Able to play with the animals, provide companionship, and observe behavioral changes that could indicate illness or injury. (R, I, IN)
8. Able to report to the appropriate personnel, behavioral changes in animals that may indicate illness or injury. (I, IN)
9. Able to record information according to instructions, such as genealogy, diet, weight, medications, food intake, and license number. (R, IN)
10. Able to safely lift animal and other heavy objects. (I, S)
11. Able to safely transfer animals from one enclosure to another. (I, S)
12. Able to set temperatures and humidity controls of animals quarters as specified. (R, T, S, IN)
13. Able to effectively work with frightened animals, ensuring the safety of the animal and self; including holding and restraining the animal. (I, S, IN)
14. Able to euthanize (put to death) seriously ill, severely injured, or unwanted animals. (R, T, I, S, IN)
15. Able to screen applicants for animal adoption. (I, S, IN)
16. Able to provide basic information and answer questions regarding services, costs, hours, etc., of the agency and staff. (I, S, IN)
17. Able to anesthetize and inoculate animals. (R, T, I, S, IN)
18. Able to examine animals for signs of illness, and treat according to instructions. (R, T, I, S, IN)