

VETERINARIAN

KIND OF WORK

Professional veterinary work.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

An employee in this class is responsible for difficult assignments in large scale examinations for diagnoses of animal and poultry diseases; enforcing state laws and rules regarding the carrying out of organized disease control and eradication programs; bull rentals; inspection and licensing of kennels; and inspection of hatcheries. The employee is also responsible for the quarantining of herds or the appraisal and the condemning of infected animals.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Examines and tests animals and poultry to determine the existence of such diseases as tuberculosis, brucellosis, anaplasmosis, hog cholera, rabies, scabies, pullorum, and other infections and communicable diseases so diseases can be eradicated or kept under control.

Makes tuberculin, agglutination and other blood tests, and performs post-mortems on animals and poultry so that diseases can be properly diagnosed.

Organizes and directs area tests in animal and poultry disease control and eradication programs so diseases can be kept under control.

Makes inspection of hatcheries to ensure that they operate in compliance with rules and regulations.

Makes inspection and licenses kennels to ensure that they operate in compliance with rules and so animals receive human care and treatment.

Brands and appraises animals that are condemned.

Quarantines herds and flocks and instructs owners in the care of infected animals and poultry to keep disease or infection confined.

Oversees the livestock auction markets to enforce the compliance with state laws and rules regarding the sale of livestock.

Collects and performs laboratory analyses of various specimens so that infections can be detected.

Prepares reports on field activities so livestock sanitary board will have current data on disease outbreaks.

Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

Thorough knowledge of principles and practices of veterinary medicine.

Considerable knowledge of the principles and practices used in the control and eradication of infectious and communicable diseases of animals and poultry.

Knowledge of common communicable diseases existing in foreign countries which might be introduced into the state.

Ability to:

Ability to perform post-mortems of animals and poultry in the diagnosis of disease.

Ability to perform and interpret tests and laboratory analyses.

Ability to communicate both orally and in writing.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with animal and poultry owners, veterinarians, and the general public.

Ability to instruct, organize and supervise testing staff.

LEGAL/LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid license to practice veterinary medicine in Minnesota.

Est.: 3/41
Rev.: 10/68; 12/77
Ckd.: 1/59; 12/92

T.C.: 11/77
Former Title(s): Veterinarian II