
Auburn University Job Description

Job Title: **Spec, Food Animal**

Job Family: No Family

Job Code: **IC17**

Grade 28: \$22,300 - \$37,200

FLSA status: Non-exempt

Job Summary

Provides technical support to veterinarians diagnosing and treating food and fiber producing species including training on topics such as animal husbandry, nutrition, handling, restraint, and ethology within the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Essential Functions

1. Facilitates veterinary diagnostics and treatments in a safe manner by administering medications, routine vaccinations, and treatment according to prescribed instructions.
2. Inspects facilities, equipment, and supplies daily as well as observes status of health of animals, environmental conditions, temperature, and sanitation.
3. Assists clinicians with student examination, treatment, research, projects, surgery, restraint, sample collection in animals, and assists in emergency and critical care of patients. Safely handles and restrains food and fiber animals for treatment.
4. Operates, maintains, repairs, and cleans hospital, laboratory and research equipment as well as maintains inventories for the laboratory and clinical area.
5. Assist supervisor in training laboratory animal caretakers/students regarding care of animals, preventative medicine practices, collection of specimens, and handling of animal including food and fiber animals.
6. Performs routine laboratory examinations including parasitology, bacteriology, hematology, and serology.
7. Observes and records vital data, abnormal clinical signs, body weight, feed, water intake of animals, and collects and labels specimens.
8. Schedules appointments for diagnostic procedures and advises referring veterinarians about the use of specialized equipment such as ultrasonography, anesthesia equipment, and other surgical supplies.
9. Operates and maintains equipment such as loaders, skid steers, tractors, forklifts, etc. to facilitate the movement of heavy objects, animals or filler materials for stall repairs.
10. Conducts library and internet searches, writes procedures and reports, and prepares charts and graphs as needed.

Supervisory Responsibility

May be responsible for training, assisting or assigning tasks to others. May provide input to performance reviews of other employees.

The above essential functions are representative of major duties of positions in this job classification. Specific duties and responsibilities may vary based upon departmental needs. Other duties may be assigned similar to the above consistent with the knowledge, skills and abilities required for the job. Not all of the duties may be assigned to a position.

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Minimum Required Education and Experience

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Focus of Education/Experience</u>
Education	High School	High School Diploma or equivalent
Experience (yrs.)	2	Experience in handling and managing food animals safely and working knowledge of cattle management.

Substitutions allowed for Education:

Indicated education is required; no substitutions allowed.

Substitutions allowed for Experience:

When a candidate has the required education, but lacks the required experience, they may normally apply additional appropriate education toward the experience requirement, at a rate of one (1) year relevant education per year of required experience.

Minimum Required Knowledge

Knowledge of large animal handling, processes, methods, and procedures associate with a limited range of medical engineering or scientific problems.

Certification or Licensure Requirements

Valid Driver's License

Physical Requirements/ADA

Frequent heavy or intense physical requirements, combined with exposure to a number of disagreeable elements, such as heat, cold, noise, dust, dirt, chemicals. Injury may require professional treatment or hospitalization. Constant precautions required.

Routine deadlines; usually sufficient lead time; variance in work volume seasonal and predictable; priorities can be anticipated; some interruptions are present; involves occasional exposure to demands and pressures from persons other than immediate supervisor.

Job frequently requires standing, walking, reaching, climbing or balancing, stooping/kneeling/crouching/crawling, talking, hearing, handling objects with hands, and lifting more than 100 pounds.

Job occasionally requires sitting.

Vision requirements: Ability to see information in print and/or electronically.

Date: 7/20/2016
