

Job Description: Kennel Technician

Summary: Kennel Technicians provide basic technical support to animal care operations. The position reports directly to the Kennel Manager.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities:

- Prepares and sets up animal kennels and related equipment for cage change outs or newly arriving animals according to specific instructions.
- Responsible for feeding, watering, and exercising animals in designated work area.
- Observe animal appearance and activity for general physical condition, obvious signs of illness, disease and discontent.
- Handle and restrain animals as required.
- Responsible for ensuring the comfort, safety and well-being of all shelter animals.
- Rinses scrubs and disinfects animal cages, hallways, floors, and walls in designated area; cleans water and food dishes and related kennel equipment and facilities.
- Assists in maintaining equipment for proper operation (chemical mixers, hose units, steam machines, etc.).
- Monitors supply needs and communicate to Supervisor of what is needed in a timely manner.
- Maintain clean, orderly and sanitized work areas on a regular basis and learns area documentation.
- Identifies problems and notifies Supervisor.
- Provides accurate information and friendly professional service to the public and to co-workers in a positive, courteous, truthful and tactful manner.
- Work with volunteers, fosters and rescue representatives.
- Provides holiday and weekend coverage as required.
- All other duties as assigned.

Additional Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist with fundraising activities and special events as needed.
- Treats all animals humanely, with compassion and concern, both on and off the job and transmits these values to others.
- Must be committed to a high standard of safety and be willing and able to comply with all safety laws and all the employer's safety policies and rules and must be willing to report safety violations and potential safety violations to appropriate supervisory or management personnel.

Physical Requirements of the Job

- Must stand, walk, bend and stoop to perform duties.
- Must have the ability to perform prolonged physical activity.
- Must be able to stand for 8 hours.
- Ability to lift 50lbs.
- Will be expected to work weekends, holidays, and off hours.
- Job may require performance of tasks that involve potential for exposure to blood, body fluids, or tissues, animal and human.
- Potential for exposure to zoonotic diseases.

- Exposure to high noise levels when in kennel area, chemicals used to sanitize facilities, vehicles or equipment and other physical situations that involve all forms of animal life.
- Potential for animal bites and scratches while handling animals.
- Ability to work directly with animals, with no preexisting allergies to animals, hair or dander.
- Exposure to extreme temperatures and weather conditions.

Minimum Qualifications

- High School Diploma or GED
- Valid Class C Driver's License
- Ability to lift over 50 pounds
- Must be able to pass a background check and drug screening

Qualified individuals are encouraged to apply. Please drop application, resume, and references off at Atascosa County Animal Control (292 Spur 162, Jourdanton, TX 78026) or email srihn@co.atascosa.tx.us.