

Scott County Government

Position Description Form

Position: Job Title: Senior Animal Control Officer
Department Name: Animal Control
Supervisor Title: Director of Animal Care and Control

Position Summary

Under general supervision of the Director of Animal Control provides operational and administrative support as well as direction to animal control officers and animal care technicians.

Duties and Responsibilities

Administrative Duties

- Enforce state and local laws governing animals within Scott County and contracting cities
- Investigate reports of animal cruelty, abandonment and nuisances
- Apply for and obtain an Originating Agency Identifier to issue KY uniform citations
- Assist with drafting and revision of county ordinances to better serve the community
- Implement and maintain shelter management software
 - communicate shelter statistics with the humane society
 - train other staff on use of software
- Supervise officers in the field and provide sound guidance
- Implement and maintain a training accountability checklist for new officers
- Assist with implementation and maintenance of radios and provide training on proper usage
- Collect and transport animals to the animal care & control facility, veterinarian, rescue, or rehabilitation centers as needed
- Fulfill the duties of the animal care & control director in their absence.
- Attend county and city meetings as needed.

Facility Duties

- Greet and assist the public
- Answer the phone or refer inquiries
- Dispatch calls
- complete adoptions
- File correspondence
- Train and assist staff with various duties

Animal Care

- Ensure cleanliness and overall maintenance of shelter
- Oversee the cleaning of kennels and assist with inventory of all animals daily
- Establish and maintain an approved standard of care to animals in the shelter
- Maintain shelter records that include but are not limited to animal population, adoption, euthanasia, and spay/neuter

Miscellaneous

- Provide on-call support on weekends, nights, and holidays for emergencies on an as needed basis
- Performs other duties as assigned or required

Position Dimensions

Education and Experience:

- High School graduate or GED equivalent
- At least six months of experience as an animal control officer
- Certified by KACCA, Kentucky Animal Care & Control Association
- Certification as an animal control officer from the National Animal Control Association/ Code 3 and Associates, or a similar accredited training certification
- Advanced knowledge of animal behavior
- Knowledge of state laws and local ordinances pertaining to domestic animals, including licensing, quarantining and impounding
- Experience filing criminal complaints, issuing citations, and testifying in court
- Experience with adoption programs
- Experience with spay/neuter programs and surgeries
- Experience with rabies vaccination clinics
- Experience handling animals which are sick, injured, frightened or dangerous who may display unpredictable behavior
- Possession of a valid driver's license
- Must live in Scott County or within a close proximity to be able to respond to emergency calls within 30 minutes

Desirable Qualifications:

- Basic methods of animal collection, care, and disposal
- Common animal disease and methods of control
- Protection of human health from animal diseases
- County/ City geography
- Safe and humane animal treatment techniques
- Various breeds of dogs, cats, livestock, and other domestic animals

Special Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in relationships with officials, employees, and the public
- Ability to effectively train new animal control officers
- Ability to manage the mental and emotional stress that may accompany the euthanasia of an animal
- Initiative and resourcefulness using sound judgment with tact and courtesy

Supervisory Responsibility:

Supervises animal control officers and animal care technicians.

Technology:

- Maintains, uses and provides training on shelter management software
- Primary point of contact for use of radios in the department
- Utilizes Microsoft Office Suite, especially Word, Excel and Outlook

Working Conditions Component

Working conditions are the physical surroundings of a worker in a specific job.

Mark the work conditions that are present on the job.

- 75% or more of the work is performed indoors
- 75% or more of the work is performed outdoors
- Work is performed in equal amounts inside and outside
- Extremes of cold and temperature changes
- Extremes of hot and temperature changes
- Wet Surroundings: Contact with water or other liquids.
- Humid Surroundings: Atmospheric condition with moisture content sufficiently high to cause marked bodily discomfort.
- Sufficient noise, either constant or intermittent, to cause marked distraction or possible injury to the sense of hearing.
- Sufficient vibration (production of an oscillating movement or strain on the body or its extremities from repeated motion or shock) to cause bodily harm if endured day after day.
- Fumes such as smoky or vaporous exhalations thrown off as the result of combustion or chemical reaction.
- Odors to include any disagreeable sensation, stimulation, or perception of the sense of smell.
- Dust such as textile dust, flour, wood, leather, feathers, etc., and inorganic dust such as silica and asbestos which make the workplace unpleasant.

List any other disagreeable elements present in the work environment.

Strength Rating

Following are descriptions of the five terms in which the Strength Requirement is expressed. Check the appropriate description that best describes the overall physical demands of the position.

- S-Sedentary Work** – Exerting up to 10 pounds of force occasionally (Occasionally: activity or condition exists up to 1/3 of the time) and/or a negligible amount of force frequently (Frequently: activity or condition exists from 1/3 to 2/3 of the time) to lift, push, carry, pull, or otherwise move objects, including the human body. Sedentary work involves sitting most of the time, but may involve walking or standing for brief periods of time. Jobs are sedentary when walking and standing are required only occasionally and all other sedentary criteria are met.
- L-Light Work** – Exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 10 pounds of force frequently, and/or a negligible amount of force constantly (Constantly: activity or condition exists 2/3 or more of the time) to move objects. Physical demand requirements are in excess of those for Sedentary Work. Even though the weight lifted may be only a negligible amount, a job should be rated Light Work: (1) when it requires walking or standing to a significant degree, or (2) when it requires sitting most of the time but entails pushing and/or pulling of arm or leg controls; and/or (3) when the job requires working at a production rate pace entailing the constant pushing and/or pulling of materials event though the weight of those materials is negligible. NOTE: The constant stress and strain of maintaining a production rate pace, especially in an industrial setting, can be and is physically demanding of a worker even though the amount of force exerted is negligible.
- M-Medium Work** – Exerting 20 to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or 10 to 25 pounds of force frequently, and/or greater than negligible up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Physical Demand requirements are in excess of those for Light Work.
- H-Heavy Work** – Exerting 50 to 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or 25 to 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or 10 to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Physical Demand requirements are in excess of those for medium work.
- V- Very Heavy Work** – Exerting in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Physical Demand requirements are in excess of those for Heavy Work.