

ANIMAL CARE CUSTODIAN**DEFINITION**

Under supervision, to follow a schedule in the performance of animal care custodial duties required to ensure the health and safety of the animals, along with the safety of all children visiting the farm; maintain and clean stalls, pens, chicken coop and all walkways; may assist in maintaining assigned rooms, equipment, buildings and adjacent areas in a clean, orderly and secure manner; and to do related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Maintain buildings and corrals occupied by horses and farm animals; maintain and clean the feed barn; clean all manure from corrals, pens and walkways daily; clean duck and chicken coops; clean and fill all horse, sheep, pig, and bird waters daily; feed the farm animals twice daily, once in the morning and once in the evening, provide feed supplements as needed; check all animals daily for injuries or potential health problems; maintain the health records on all farm animals including proper worming and inoculation schedules; ensure the horses' hoof care is provided on a regular schedule; ensure the sheep are sheered yearly and their hooves are properly trimmed; maintain, manage, and purchase the animal feed on a monthly schedule; determine when a veterinarian should be called for a sick animal and work with the veterinarian concerning sick animals; administer medication and shots when required per the veterinarian's instructions; assist in writing policies and procedures for the operation of the farm and update those policies when necessary with the approval of the principal; schedule and supervise workers for weekend duties; may assist with custodial duties such emptying and cleaning waste receptacles, cleaning restrooms; doing emergency clean up resulting from breakage, vandalism, graffiti, spilling or illness; assist in moving, arranging and setting up furniture and equipment; and may make minor repairs. Work hours vary to care for animals.

QUALIFICATIONS**Knowledge of**

Farm animals maintained on site, their behavior, care, maintenance, feeding and housing requirements; methods, materials and equipment used in cleaning and sanitizing animal facilities; general and personal safety in animal facilities for self and others, including children; signs of normal health and behavior in farm animals; and feeding and watering of farm animal.

Ability to

Maintain a daily work schedule as well as work unscheduled hours to take care of sick animals; administer medication and shots as prescribed by a veterinarian; recognize and communicate symptoms of a sick animal and work with the veterinarian when euthanasia is required; take vital signs, breathing, heart rate, and body temperature of farm animals to evaluate animal well being; understand and carry out oral and written instructions; communicate directly with the principal and district staff as needed; establish and maintain cooperative working relationships; and work with minimal supervision in the animal area.

Experience

Three years of experience caring for farm animals and/or working with or owning horses that has provided the applicant with the knowledge and abilities listed above.

Education

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade.

Physical Performance Requirements

Frequent lifting and maneuvering of up to 100 pounds with or without assistance. May be required to move/maneuver up to 1,000 pound animal as situations arise. Continuous standing or walking with twisting, bending, stooping, and squatting also required. May work on irregular surfaces or at heights above the ground.

Licenses

Possession of a valid and appropriate California Driver's License required.

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