GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs complex (journey-level) veterinary work. Work involves providing veterinary and consultative services, investigating incidents of animal disease, and disseminating information on disease control and eradication. May provide guidance to others. Works under general supervision, with moderate latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Investigates incidents of animal diseases and losses; collects samples for bacteriological, pathological, and microscopic examinations; determines the presence of contagious diseases; and formulates methods and procedures for carrying out vaccination programs and disease control and eradication programs.

Conducts prognostic and diagnostic exams, and vaccinates animals.

Performs autopsies to determine cause of death and makes recommendations to prevent further loss.

Enforces quarantines and regulations governing the health of animals.

Provides guidance on agency programs and services and on the methods and procedures for reducing the incidence of animal diseases.

Evaluates morbidity and mortality reports.

Serves as a liaison between animal disease control agencies and staff.

Assists in determining compliance with meat inspection laws and regulations; makes recommendations for granting, denying, or withdrawing state approvals; answers correspondence relating to meat inspections; and functions as a liaison between meat inspection activities and entities.

Assists in the development and drafting of control laws and regulations.

May serve as a consultant on control practices for diseases and public health problems.

May provide guidance to others.

Performs related work as assigned.
GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Experience in veterinary work. Graduation from an accredited college of veterinary medicine with a doctorate degree in veterinary medicine.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of veterinary medicine principles, practices, and procedures; of animal disease prevention and control methods and procedures; of state and federal animal disease control rules and regulations; of epidemiological methods and techniques; and of sanitation and quarantine regulations.

Ability to promote animal disease control programs, to advise on disease control methods and procedures, to communicate effectively, and to provide guidance to others.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

Must be licensed as a veterinarian by the State of Texas.