GENERAL DESCRIPTION

 Performs highly advanced (senior-level) veterinary work. Work involves overseeing and coordinating veterinary activities and disease control functions, providing consultative services, investigating incidents of animal disease, and disseminating information on disease control and eradication. May supervise the work of others. Works under minimal supervision, with extensive latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Oversees the investigation of 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.

Oversees and coordinates quarantines, and enforces regulations governing the health of animals.

Oversees the processing and issuing of morbidity reports.

Conducts prognostic and diagnostic examinations, and vaccinates animals.

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

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

Reviews 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.

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

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

Assists in writing control laws and regulations.

May supervise the work of 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 supervise the work of others.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

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