

## **Animal Control Lead Officer Salary Grade 62-T**

**Description of Work-** This is protective, preventive, and investigative, and beginning level administrative work in enforcing animal control laws within a county. Employees in this class spend the majority of their time performing duties identical to those noted in the Animal Control Officer I & II classes. Additionally, a significant portion of the time is spent in program management and administrative functions to include limited program planning, assessing community needs, recommending changes, and serving as a liaison between the health department and county officials/community agencies in animal control matters. Employees may coordinate and direct the activities of a limited number of lower level Animal Control Officers to include input into the hiring process and in the training of new employees.

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities-** Thorough knowledge of public health rabies control laws. Thorough knowledge of animal collection and disposal methods. Considerable knowledge of legal enforcement policies and procedures. Considerable knowledge of the laws and regulations related to animal control. Considerable ability to establish and maintain effective relationship with the public. Ability to plan, organize and direct work. Ability to read, interpret and explain rules, regulations and procedures. Skill in the use of physical means, firearms, tranquilizer guns and toxic chemicals used in capturing and destroying animals.

**Minimum Training and Experience Requirements-** Graduation from high school and three years of experience in law enforcement work including two years as an Animal Control Officer; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

**Necessary Speical Qualifications-** Valid North Carolina Driver's License. Position may require certification as a Law Enforcement Officer in accordance with the provisions of the N.C. Criminal Justice Training & Standards Council or other certification granted by local ordinance as appropriate.