

Animal Control Officer I Salary Grade 59T

Description of Work- This is protective, preventive, and investigative work in enforcing animal control laws and regulations within a county. Work in this class involves the patrolling of designated areas of the county noting violations of animal control laws, warning citizens of violations, and picking-up and/or otherwise controlling stray animals; responding to and investigating complaints by citizens and attempting to resolve problems by informing all concerned as to the appropriate laws and regulations and negotiating satisfactory action or compliance. Where problems cannot be resolved the employee will issue formal warnings and/or will recommend to the supervisor more formal legal action. Work in this class includes the control or dispatch of animals by the use of physical force, traps, firearms, tranquilizer guns, toxic chemicals or other means. Employees will assist at the animal control shelter, as necessary, in the care of animals. Employees may organize and direct rabies vaccination clinics and provide information on all animal control programs. Work differs from the higher level Animal Control Officer II class because of limited formal enforcement authority.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities- Working knowledge of public health rabies control laws. Working knowledge of animal collection and disposal methods. Working knowledge of laws and regulations relating to animal control. Considerable ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with the public. 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- Graduation from high school and one year of experience as an animal control officer, security officer, or related law enforcement role; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Necessary Special Qualification- Valid North Carolina Driver's License.