

Animal Control Officer II Salary Grade 61T

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 and responding to and investigating complaints filed. When violations or problems are noted the employee will attempt to resolve the problem by explaining the laws and obtaining mutual cooperation of the parties involved. When the situation cannot be resolved the employee may independently issue warning citations or take out arrest warrants as appropriate and will testify in court. 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 plan and direct rabies vaccination clinics, provide educational and information programs in the community; and assist at the animal control shelter as necessary. Work differs from the Animal Control Officer I class due to the greater independent authority in taking legal actions for violations of animal control laws.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities- Thorough knowledge of public health rabies control laws. Thorough knowledge of animal collection and disposal methods. Considerable knowledge of legal and enforcement policies and procedures. 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 Requirements- Graduation from high school with two years of law enforcement experience including one year as an animal control officer; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Necessary Special Qualifications- Valid North Carolina Driver's License; Certification as a Law Enforcement Officer in accordance with the provision of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training & Standards Council or deputized or other certification granted by local ordinance as appropriate.