

Position Title: Animal Caretaker
Reports To: Operations Manager
Classification: Full Time



Summary

The Animal Care Attendant is responsible for humane animal care.

Essential Duties and Functions:

Animal Care

- a. Provide food, water, and care to shelter animals daily
- b. Monitor animals and immediately report health or behavior abnormalities to supervisor
- c. Participate in stress and disease reduction efforts through purposeful and compassionate handling and placement of animals in the shelter environment
- d. Perform animal bathing and basic grooming as needed
- e. Assist with animal evaluation and treatment
- f. Relocate animals to make space or to appropriate areas

Facility Care

- a. Follow established disease protocols to daily clean, disinfect, and maintain shelter grounds, kennels, cages, and general areas
- b. Operate laundry and dishwashing equipment
- c. Restock cleaning areas with supplies and equipment
- d. Maintain equipment in working condition, report equipment or supply needs to supervisor
- e. Maintain work and general areas in an organized manner

Safety

- a. Ensure a safe work environment; follow all safety guidelines, including PPE, and modeling safe work practices
- b. Take immediate action to address any safety concerns that could put a staff member, volunteer, animal, client, or the organization at risk
- c. Maintain safe animal and chemical handling practices

Physical Requirements and Work Environment

- a. Work is performed in a kennel/shelter setting and outdoors.
- b. Frequent bending, reaching, kneeling, walking, and standing on feet up each day while performing job functions.
- c. Exposure to disinfectant solutions when cleaning.
- d. Exposure to various weather conditions when working outdoors.

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- e. Subject to animal bites and scratches when handling animals of questionable temperament.
- f. Occasional lifting of up to 50 pounds.
- g. Consistently exposed to animals and animal allergens under conditions with limited alterations available.

Qualifications

- a. High school diploma or equivalent
- b. Available to work weekends, holiday shifts, and overtime as needed

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- a. Commitment to the mission, values, goals, and success of the Humane Society of Greenwood
- b. Highly motivated, outgoing, polite, and professional manner
- c. Team player, able to work in a fast-paced environment and multi-task
- d. Compassion for animals, comfortable working in the shelter environment and willing to accommodate animals in the workplace
- e. Knowledge of animals breeds and behavior helpful
- f. Have basic working knowledge of intake, receiving and adoption outcome procedures
- g. Ability to read and comprehend instructions, short correspondence, and memos

This job description reflects the assignment of essential functions; it does not prescribe or restrict the tasks that may be assigned. This job description does not establish a contract for employment. The Humane Society of Greenwood is an at-will employer.