

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Definition

Under general supervision, to patrol and enforce the animal control regulations and to perform related work as required.

Examples of Duties

Patrols streets in an assigned animal control vehicle; observes and apprehends animals running loose in violation of established laws; responds to complaints regarding stray, lost, noisy and nuisance, injured, and dead animals; issues citations to persons permitting animals to violate animal control regulations; prepares reports and follow-up information relating to ongoing animal control problems; collects and preserves evidence as appropriate; testifies in court when necessary; maintains cages or pens for captured animals and cares for animals under confinement until released; provides information and directions to the public; prepares monthly reports regarding statistical information related to animal control; as assigned, may conduct or assist in special projects on animal control procedures and enforcement techniques; acts as field training officer for cadets under Police Cadet Program in some selected animal control functions.

Employment Standards

Education and Experience

Any combination equivalent to graduation from high school and two (2) years of responsible experience in animal control practices and procedures.

Knowledge and Abilities

A working knowledge of the handling and caring for a variety of wild and domestic animals; ability to understand, interpret, and effectively follow appropriate codes, regulations, and laws dealing with animal control; ability to prepare concise, detailed, accurate reports; ability to train cadets in selected animal control functions; ability to effectively meet and deal with the public in a wide variety of circumstances.