

Specification for Class of

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

Abolished Effective June 1, 2005

Definition: As a registered animal or veterinary technician, conducts a variety of inspection functions associated with animal disease control or eradication.

Typical Work

Inspects rendering plants, independent collectors, transfer stations and restricted feedlots within an assigned area;

Coordinates with area livestock owners to arrange for tests and/or inspection of livestock;

Prepares control documents for returning rejected livestock shipments to state of origin;

Coordinates testing with laboratories and collects raw milk samples for Brucellosis Ring Test (BRT)Method;

Explains testing and animal disease eradication programs to local health authorities, livestock producers, livestock salesyards, and the general public;

Maintains records of milk producers and BRT test results;

Performs other work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: sterilization and sanitation techniques, sample collection techniques for hematology, parasitology and microbiology, proper handling of samples for specimen submission to laboratories.

Ability to: take accurate and uncontaminated samples; schedule inspection and collection trips effectively; deal tactfully and effectively with others; keep accurate records.

Minimum Qualifications

Registration as an animal or veterinary technician with the Washington State Department of Health and one year of full-time experience with the care and treatment of mixed or large animals in a veterinary practice.

OR

Registration, certification or licensure as an animal or veterinary technician in another state and three years of full-time experience under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian(s) which includes one year with the care and treatment of mixed or large animals.

OR

Five years of full-time animal or veterinary technician experience under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian(s) which includes one year with the care and treatment of mixed or large animals.

Note: Registration in Washington State must be obtained prior to appointment.

New class: 5-1-63

Title change (formerly Milk Sample Collector): 7-26-63

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