

Position: Barnyard/Facility Assistant

PT/Hourly

Position provides primary care for barnyard animals and assists with grounds/facility maintenance



Summary: Responsible for the care, feeding, and enrichment of barnyard animals. Treats animals with kindness and respect. Maintains a clean and sanitary environment for animal health and safety. Ensures maintenance and upkeep of the shelter and grounds. Provides educational, safe and engaging experiences for all visitors.

Duties:

Thoroughly clean and disinfect all areas of the barnyard as often as needed

Handle animals safely, and with kindness and respect

Ensure animals have access to clean, fresh water at all times

Feed animals as appropriate and directed by the Barnyard Manager

Clean and remove animal waste from barnyard area as often as needed

Ensure animals have clean, adequate bedding and housing

Ensure barnyard animals are properly groomed

Report unusual animal behavior, signs of illness, disease, or discomfort to management

Wash and sterilize food and water containers

Clean public and common areas of grounds as directed

Empty grounds trash as needed and directed

Assist clinic and animal care staff as needed

Patrol and maintain grounds as needed to include mowing, landscape care, trash, animal waste and litter pick-up

Monitor & maintain tools and equipment so they are always in good working condition

Notify management and assist with repairs of facility structure, including but not limited to, buildings, fencing, animal enclosures and gates

Provide excellent customer service and educational experiences for all visitors

Assist with birthday parties, tours and events as requested

Other duties as may be assigned.

This position will also be cross-trained in the duties of a kennel assistant, to include, but not limited to:

Provide primary care for sheltered animals; help socialize animals to make them more adoptable; facilitate animal interaction with potential adopters;

Clean and remove animal waste from kennels and litter boxes as often as needed;

Minimum Qualifications:

- Possess a high school diploma or equivalent
- Have animal care, husbandry, and/or farm experience
- Possess reliable means of transportation
- Possess a valid driver's license and proof of good driving record
- Able to humanely handle animals under various circumstances
- Able to work harmoniously with fellow employees
- Able to stand for prolonged periods of time
- Able to lift 50 pounds
- Able to bend and squat regularly
- Able to handle large animals
- Exhibit punctuality and be committed to regular attendance

Working

Conditions:

- Work performed indoors and outdoors **in all weather conditions**
- Must be able to work in dusty conditions with various materials including, hay, straw, wood shavings and more.
- Some exposure to unpleasant odors and noises
- Possible exposure to bites, scratches and animal waste
- Possible exposure to contagious diseases
- Possible exposure to caustic chemicals such as bleach, disinfectants

Physical

Demands:

- While performing the essential functions of this job, the employee is required to: Stand, walk, reach with hands and arms, talk and hear, sit, climb or balance, stoop, kneel, crawl, or crouch, lift 50 pounds.

Weekends and Holidays required.

Candidates should be at least 18 years old, possess a valid driver's license and clean driving record. The Peninsula SPCA is a drug-free workplace.

To apply: Complete an employment application online at www.peninsulaspca.org or in person at Peninsula SPCA, 523 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, Newport News, VA 23601. Applications are available during regular operating hours, Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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