Title: Laboratory Animal Aide

Pay Scale Group: 87

Essential Function

Under direct supervision from a designated supervisor, maintain sanitation programs for a variety of animal species, housing systems, and equipment. Assist in monitoring sanitation quality control programs following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Characteristic Duties

1. Operate cage washing equipment and autoclaves. Maintain the flow of clean and dirty equipment to ensure the integrity of sanitized and sterilized equipment.

2. Maintain corridors, support rooms, and procedures rooms in a clean and orderly fashion.

3. Maintain transportation vehicles per SOPs.

4. Prepare cages for receipt of animals.

5. May package animal carcasses and inventory supplies and animals.

6. Clean animal areas, including cages, research areas, and feed and bedding areas. Disinfect and sanitize animal holding rooms, support rooms, and equipment.

7. Maintain and rotate supplies.

8. Perform related duties based on departmental need.

Unusual Working Conditions

- Subject to animal bites and diseases; exposure to animal waste, urine, feces, blood, dander (allergens), and odors; exposure to dust, hot water and steam.

Minimum Qualifications

- Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must pass a physical examination and test negative for active infectious tuberculosis prior to starting employment. Must have the ability to lift up to 40 pounds. Some positions may require a current valid driver’s license with an acceptable driving record.
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Career Path

- A Laboratory Animal Aide (LAA) will be eligible for promotion to Laboratory Animal Technician 1 (LAT 1) provided the employee meets the following criteria:
  1. completes all requirements of the Laboratory Animal Aide;
  2. meets the minimum qualifications of LAT 1;
  3. satisfactorily completes probation;
  4. must have a performance and attendance record that consistently meets or exceeds standards;
  5. plus any combination of experience, degree and American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) certification, as outlined in the departmental Upward Mobility Program.

- The employee must submit a written request to progress to the next level.

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