

Veterinarian

Job Code
8334F3

Job Title
Veterinarian

Pay Grade
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CONCEPT:

This is professional work as a veterinarian. Performs inspection of sick and diseased livestock to diagnose diseases, determine cause of death, and prescribe treatment. Directs disposal of animals in order to control and eradicate contagious and infectious diseases and protect the health of livestock. Work also involves making field veterinary investigations of animal disease problems which may involve counseling and overseeing the work of practicing veterinarians, livestock inspectors, and clerical staff.

TASKS:

- Inspects or oversees inspection of livestock and surrounding area of sick or infected animals for infectious and contagious diseases; performs post-mortem examinations and collects specimens for laboratory analysis; investigates outbreaks of diseases.
- Establishes and enforces quarantine of livestock and/or processed meat product; tests for and diagnoses brucellosis, tuberculosis, and other animal diseases.
- Advises market-inspecting veterinarians, market operators, producers and livestock inspectors concerning disease problems, rules and regulations and operating problems.
- Selects and contracts with local veterinarians to determine the fitness of animals or carcasses for human food or disposal; advises them on problems and reviews their work.
- Notifies field persons concerning procedures and methods of reporting; reviews reports such as Specific Pathogen Free swine laboratory and field reports; recommends accreditation of herds.
- Investigates suspected pseudo-rabies outbreaks and advises concerning disposal of infected herds; inspects animals and checks health certificates at state fairs.
- Makes final determinations on problems referred by subordinate veterinarians and owners of animals such as those relating to the condition of animals.
- May propose new statutes for legislative action or propose revisions to administrative regulations to improve animal health and control animal disease in the state.

Minimum Requirements:

Professional veterinary medicine license.

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