



## CITY OF LONG BEACH CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

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### **TITLE: VETERINARIAN**

**DEFINITION:** Under general supervision, provides medical services dealing with the prevention, treatment and control of diseases in and injuries to animals and enforces associated laws and regulations; gives emergency treatment to and inspects treatment of animals in custody of the animal shelter; and performs related duties as assigned.

### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:**

A Veterinarian performs professional veterinary medical work in the examination, diagnosis and emergency treatment of animals at the animal care shelter, incumbents must exercise and apply knowledge of current, advanced or specialized veterinary medical arts and practices of the profession.

### **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

The duties listed below are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to this class.

- Examines, diagnoses and gives emergency first aid and medical treatment to sick, diseased and injured animals impounded in the animal care facility;
- Collects data and laboratory samples, such as blood, tissue and parasites, when indicated for disease investigations and forwards to appropriate diagnostic laboratory; consults with Health and Human Services (HHS) Department personnel, private and other public veterinarians and animal owners on disease issues;
- Advises the public and HHS Department personnel on matters within the field of veterinary medicine;
- Directs and advises HHS Department personnel on proper protocols for the care and treatment of animals in the shelter;
- Investigates rabies suspects and animal bites on people; imposes quarantines on biting domestic animals; collects samples for rabies and testing where wild animals are involved; issues quarantines and hold orders in disease outbreaks and supervises the enforcement of these orders;
- Directs and oversees humane euthanasia of animals;

- Aids in investigation of animal mistreatment;
- Periodically counsels field and shelter staff regarding emergency aid and treatment for animals;
- May assist Animal Services Officers preparing investigation reports and court testimony;
- Conducts periodic classes in animal first aid and care and treatment of animals;
- Provides direction in disaster situations such as earthquakes, fires and floods for the health and welfare of animals and for disease control;
- Other duties as assigned.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

Two (2) years of progressively responsible experience in veterinary medicine.

A valid license to practice veterinary medicine issued by the State of California Veterinary Medical Board.

A valid California motor vehicle operator's license. Proof of a valid motor vehicle operator's license, including a current DMV driving record, is required at time of appointment and must be presented to the hiring department at the time of the selection interview.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

Knowledge of City ordinances, codes, procedures and practices regarding the humane treatment and care of animals;

Knowledge of practices and procedures for diagnosis and conduct of postmortem examinations.

**HISTORY:**

Established: 11/15/10  
Approval: 02/02/2011 Human Resources Department  
02/09/2011 Civil Service