

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
CLASS SPECIFICATION

VETERINARIAN I

POSITION CODE: 47901

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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Under general supervision, performs professional veterinary duties related to official animal health and animal welfare programs; performs professional veterinary inspections, diagnosis and final carcass disposition in a livestock slaughtering and processing establishment in order to execute the statewide program of meat and poultry inspection.

These establishments slaughter questionable quality animals on a regular basis requiring a full-time veterinarian yet are small enough not to warrant supportive lay inspection personnel.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

1. Inspects and tests livestock and poultry for the presence of contagious diseases; uses syringes, branding irons, tagging pliers, bleeding needles, dipping vats, cattle chutes, and other equipment, taking proper precautions to avoid or minimize situations involving transmittal of disease to humans.
2. Performs antemortem and postmortem inspections of meat producing animals and poultry to determine diseased or abnormal conditions effecting the wholesomeness of such animals, carcasses, meat and/or their products; ensures disposition of inspected animals, carcasses, meat and/or their products in compliance with law and regulations, contacts necessary parties for disposition and completes necessary reports.
3. Collaborates with lay personnel in the inspection of slaughtering and processing establishments relative to compliance status, and follows-up on punitive or legal actions when physical conditions or practices threaten wholesomeness; or cooperates with practicing veterinarians and county and federal personnel for control of localized livestock disease outbreaks by imposing quarantine of herds or areas.
4. Keeps current with state and federal laws, rules and regulations so that proper decisions will be rendered in the field; appraises diseased or exposed animals or herds destined for slaughter or destruction to determine indemnity due owner from funds established by federal and state cooperative disease control and eradication programs.

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5. Cooperates with other division personnel to trace diseased animals to origin for the purpose of isolating and eradicating diseases.
6. Performs other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above.

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS:

Education and Experience

Requires a degree of doctor of veterinary medicine from a college of veterinary medicine.

Knowledges, Skills and Abilities

Requires extensive knowledge of the principles and practices of veterinary medicine with particular reference to epidemiology of contagious and infectious diseases and parasites and abnormalities of animals and poultry.

Requires working knowledge of state and federal laws, rules and regulations relating to animal and poultry disease control and eradication, or slaughter, processing and storage of meat and poultry.

Requires working knowledge of the value of purebred and grade animals to make appraisals relative to indemnity payments to owners of condemned livestock.

Requires ability to conduct examinations of animals and poultry.

Requires ability to exercise sound professional judgment in analyzing and determining type, nature, and extent of disease or abnormal conditions affecting animals and poultry.

Requires ability to appraise condemned livestock as to market value and recommend indemnity payment to owners of condemned livestock.

Requires ability to prepare and maintain records and reports concerning functions and operations conducted.

Requires ability to interpret and enforce pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

Requires ability to use instruments of the profession and related methods and techniques.

Requires ability to mold and adapt to a work environment that is conducive to working with regulatory personnel veterinary practitioners, county personnel, herd owners, and members of related industries.

Requires an appropriate valid driver's license.