

STATE OF OHIO (DAS)CLASSIFICATION
SPECIFICATION**CLASSIFICATION SERIES:**

Dangerous Wild Animal Handler

SERIES NO.:

2224

MAJOR AGENCIES:

Ohio Department of Agriculture only

EFFECT. DATE:

01/27/2013

SERIES PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Dangerous Wild Animal Keeper occupation is to provide daily care, maintenance, record keeping, & well-being of physical facilities & animals in their care as assigned.

At the full performance level, incumbents independently provide care (e.g., food preparation, feeding, monitor diets, watering, bathing, enrichment, observe medical & behavioral changes) to dangerous wild animals controlled by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

At the supervisory level, incumbents plan & coordinate dangerous wild animal inspections, oversee permitting & supervise assigned staff.

This classification is to be utilized at the Ohio Department of Agriculture only.

CLASS TITLE

Dangerous Wild Animal Handler

CLASS NUMBER

22241

PAY RANGE

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EFFECTIVE

01/27/2013

CLASS CONCEPT:

The full performance level class works under general supervision & requires considerable knowledge of zoology, animal science, biology or relevant field in order to independently provide care (e.g., food preparation, feeding, monitor diets, watering, bathing, enrichment, water changes, observe medical & behavioral changes) to dangerous wild animals controlled by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

CLASS TITLE

Dangerous Wild Animal Handler Supervisor

CLASS NUMBER

22245

PAY RANGE

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EFFECTIVE

01/27/2013

CLASS CONCEPT:

The supervisory level class works under general direction & requires thorough knowledge of zoology, animal science, biology or relevant field in order to supervise Dangerous Wild Animal Handlers & coordinate dangerous wild animal inspections & permitting.

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JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: (THESE DUTIES ARE ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY. INCUMBENTS MAY PERFORM SOME OR ALL OF THESE DUTIES OR OTHER JOB-RELATED DUTIES AS ASSIGNED.)

Under general supervision, independently provides care (e.g., food preparation, feeding, monitor diets, watering, bathing, enrichment, water changes, observe medical & behavioral changes) to dangerous wild animals controlled by the Ohio Department of Agriculture; ensures all needs of physical facility & animal care management are met on daily basis; loads &/or unloads animal feed deliveries (e.g., hay, bedding, animal care supplies) & properly stores until used; completes & reviews daily animal keeper reports (e.g., diet consumption, behavior &/or training records); cleans, maintains, & disinfects animal enclosures & surrounding areas (e.g., service areas, viewing windows); ensures all aspects of animal containment are reviewed before animals are moved in/out of facility; ensures safety of self, animals, co-workers, & visitors by observing safety guidelines when working with animals, equipment & vehicles; responds to all hazardous or potentially unsafe situations by taking corrective action & promptly notifying the State Veterinarian; communicates with animal owners, keepers, & general public as required; establishes positive working relationship with supervisors, managers, & State Veterinarian.

Maintains electronic records & tracking information & any other written documentation on assigned animals & ensures building equipment is operating appropriately through observation or review of logs; takes immediate corrective action to ensure immediate repairs are requested & completed timely; monitors & reports any indication of pests; collects & records sample information as needed.

Provides sanitary environmental conditions for dangerous wild animals; lifts up to 75 lbs. (e.g., animals, crates, cleaning supplies & tools); carries, pushes, pulls supplies & tools & crawls & climbs in, around, & under animal containment area to maintain upkeep and cleanliness of animals.

MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of safety practices; public relations; human relations; agency policies & procedures*; dangerous wild animal containment methods; state & federal laws, rules & regulations regarding dangerous wild animals*. Skill in operation of personal computer & related software (e.g., MS Office); motor vehicle. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts & draw valid conclusions; proofread technical materials, recognize errors & make corrections; prepare concise reports; handle sensitive inquiries from & contacts with officials & general public; interpret variety of instructions in written, oral, or picture form; recognize safety warnings; copy records precisely without error; maintain accurate records; demonstrate dexterity to use hands & feet skillfully; demonstrate physical fitness; climb to heights of 13 feet & lift up to 75 lbs.

(*)Developed after employment.

MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT:

Completion of undergraduate core coursework in zoology, animal science, animal nutrition, or related field; 6 mos. exp. working in an Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accredited zoo or working with captive exotic animals; 3 mos. trg. Or 3 mos. exp. in public relations; valid driver's license.

-Or 30 months. exp. in working with captive exotic animals; 3 mos. trg. Or 3 mos. exp. in public relations; valid driver's license.

-Or equivalent of Minimum Class Qualifications For Employment noted above.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT:

None

UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS:

Must be able to lift & carry up to 75 lbs. & climb & to 13 feet; may be exposed to inclement weather (hot & cold temperatures); may be exposed to dusty, wet, & odorous conditions; may be exposed to hostile or violent persons; works flexible hours including early morning, late nights & weekends; may be required to wear uniform; may be exposed to dangerous animals acting in an aggressive manner; requires vaccination for rabies.

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JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: (THESE DUTIES ARE ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY. INCUMBENTS MAY PERFORM SOME OR ALL OF THESE DUTIES OR OTHER JOB-RELATED DUTIES AS ASSIGNED.)

Supervises Dangerous Wild Animal Handlers & coordinate dangerous wild animal inspections & permitting; plans & coordinates dangerous wild animal (DWA) containment; oversees proper animal care (e.g., food preparation, feeding, monitor diets, watering, bathing, enrichment, water changes, observe medical & behavioral changes) to dangerous wild animals controlled by the Ohio Department of Agriculture; advises DWA Handlers in ensuring proper animal care management; coordinates animal feed deliveries; coordinates safety of self, animals, co-workers, & visitors; advises & directs DWA Handlers during hazardous or potentially unsafe situations & promptly notifies the State Veterinarian; resolves conflicts between DWA Handlers & animal owners, keepers, & general public; oversees DWA licensing & permitting on behalf of the State Veterinarian.

Responds to information requests from general public; interacts with keepers & veterinarians to facilitate proper care & feeding of DWA; serves on various committees; develops & updates program manuals; operates personal computer & related software to edit, enter or verify data, design forms & develop computer generated reports; maintains records & reports; lifts up to 75 lbs. (e.g., animals, crates, cleaning supplies & tools); carries, pushes, pulls supplies & tools & crawls & climbs in, around, & under animal containment area to oversee & maintain upkeep & cleanliness of animals.

MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of safety practices; public relations; human relations; agency policies & procedures*; dangerous wild animal containment methods; state & federal laws, rules & regulations regarding dangerous wild animals*; supervisory principles & techniques. Skill in operation of personal computer & related software (e.g., MS Office); motor vehicle. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts & draw valid conclusions; proofread technical materials, recognize errors & make corrections; prepare concise reports; handle sensitive inquiries from & contacts with officials & general public; interpret variety of instructions in written, oral, or picture form; recognize safety warnings; copy records precisely without error; maintain accurate records; demonstrate dexterity to use hands & feet skillfully; demonstrate physical fitness; climb to heights of 13 feet & lift up to 75 lbs.

(*)Developed after employment.

MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT:

Completion of undergraduate core coursework in zoology, animal science, animal nutrition, or related field; 18 mos. exp. working in an Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accredited zoo or working with captive exotic animals; 6 mos. trg. Or 6 mos. exp. in public relations; 6 mos. trg. Or 6 mos. exp. in supervisory principles & techniques; valid driver's license.

-Or 42 mos. exp. working with captive exotic animals; 6 mos. trg. Or 6 mos. exp. in public relations; 6 mos. trg. Or 6 mos. exp. in supervisory principles & techniques; valid driver's license.

-Or equivalent of Minimum Class Qualifications For Employment noted above.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT:

None

UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS:

Must be able to lift & carry up to 75 lbs. & climb & to 13 feet; may be exposed to inclement weather (hot & cold temperatures); may be exposed to dusty, wet, & odorous conditions; may be exposed to hostile or violent persons; works flexible hours including early morning, late nights & weekends; may be required to wear uniform; may be exposed to dangerous animals acting in an aggressive manner; requires vaccination for rabies.