

STATE OF OHIO (DAS)
CLASSIFICATION
SPECIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION SERIES:
Veterinary Pathology Assistant

SERIES NO.:
8616

MAJOR AGENCIES:
Agriculture

EFFECTIVE DATE

SERIES PURPOSE:

The purpose of the veterinary pathology assistant occupation is to assist veterinarian &/or pathologist in performing necropsies on animals.

CLASS TITLE:

Veterinary Pathology Assistant

CLASS NUMBER:

86161

EFFECTIVE DATE:

01/23/1994

CLASS CONCEPT:

The full performance level class works under direction & requires considerable knowledge of animal anatomy & laboratory testing in order to assist veterinarian &/or pathologist in performing necropsies & identify & route tissues & other specimens to laboratories & perform diagnostic tests on animal samples.

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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.)

Assists veterinarian &/or pathologist in performing necropsies (e.g., makes initial incisions & observations, collects tissues, removes brain tissue), identifies & routes tissues & other specimens to laboratories & performs diagnostic tests (e.g., fecal flotations & hematologic tests) on animal samples.

Prepares reagents for necropsy room & laboratory.

Takes histories & case data from animal owners; answers inquiries & releases test results to owners & veterinarians; prepares & maintains records of work performed; compiles data for various reports.

Loads & operates incinerator; maintains & cleans necropsy & tissue trim rooms & equipment.

MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of fractions, decimals & metric system of weights & measures; comparative anatomy. Skill in use, maintenance & sanitation of laboratory equipment & supplies; operation of electrical hoist, forklift, electrical saw*. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts & draw valid conclusions; take histories regarding animals health; complete routine forms & reports; cooperate with others; lift up to 50 pounds.

(*)Developed after employment.

MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT:

Completion of 2 yr. course for veterinary technicians.

-Or 2 yrs. trg. or 2 yrs. exp. in anatomy, zoology or similar medical field.

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

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

Not applicable.

UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS:

Exposed to diseased animals, tissues, body fluids, noxious odors, chemicals & other intoxicants; requires prophylactic vaccination for rabies.