

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ▼
HUMAN RESOURCES ENTERPRISE
LIVESTOCK INSPECTOR

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, investigates and inspects livestock movement, sales facilities or related establishments in support of livestock disease prevention/eradication or horse and dog breeding programs.

The Work Examples and Competencies listed are for illustrative purposes only and not intended to be the primary basis for position classification decisions.

WORK EXAMPLES

Inspects auction markets, sale barns, and related facilities to insure proper sanitation conditions and adequate animal health facilities.

Inspects records of livestock dealers to insure that all animals have been properly tested for infections and contagious disease and if necessary quarantined to the purchaser.

Investigates reports of dead livestock to insure proper and prompt disposal of condemned carcasses.

Traces livestock herds for evidence of tuberculosis, sheep scab, cholera, brucellosis, and other animal diseases to determine origin of the disease and geographic area(s) of exposure.

Assists area veterinarians in issuing quarantines, and isolating herds or individual animals.

Inspects greyhounds to verify Iowa residency and proper identification of Iowa whelped greyhounds.

Inspects broodmares and foals to verify they meet Iowa qualifications for breeding program.

Prepares technical reports of investigations and maintains records of daily activities as required.

COMPETENCIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of state and federal regulations governing sanitation and animal health facilities in auction markets, sale barns, and related establishments.

Knowledge of state and federal regulations governing movement of livestock into and within the state.

Knowledge of methods used for tracing herds to place of origin and individual animals to herd of origin.

Knowledge of state law, rules, and verifying qualifications of animals related to the Iowa Horse and Dog Breeding program.

Ability to establish and maintain effective work relationships with the public in order to interpret and enforce state and federal regulations firmly, tactfully, and impartially.

Ability to maintain routine records and prepare technical reports concerning investigations and daily activities.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, in order to relate information to the supervisor and general public regarding results of inspection reports.

Displays high standards of ethical conduct. Exhibits honesty and integrity. Refrains from theft-related, dishonest or unethical behavior.

Works and communicates with internal and external clients and customers to meet their needs in a polite, courteous, and cooperative manner. Committed to quality service.

Displays a high level of initiative, effort and commitment towards completing assignments efficiently. Works with minimal supervision. Demonstrates responsible behavior and attention to detail.

Responds appropriately to supervision. Makes an effort to follow policy and cooperate with supervisors.

Aligns behavior with the needs, priorities and goals of the organization.

Encourages and facilitates cooperation, pride, trust, and group identity. Fosters commitment and team spirit.

Expresses information to individuals or groups effectively, taking into account the audience and nature of the information. Listens to others and responds appropriately.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from high school or G.E.D. and two years of experience in an auction market, sale barn, livestock production and/or feeding, or a livestock regulatory program;

OR

an equivalent combination of education and experience substituting one year of course work at an accredited college or university with at least six semester hours of course work in animal science, animal husbandry, animal industry, livestock management or a closely related area for one year of the required experience with a maximum of two years;

OR

an equivalent combination of education and experience substituting one year of work experience as a livestock inspector for each year of the required education to a maximum of four years.

NOTE:

Travel may be required for positions in this class. Employees must arrange transportation to and from assigned work areas.

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