

POSITION: Shelter Veterinarian

REPORTS TO: Executive Director

DESCRIPTION: Oversees shelter spay and neuter program and clinical services for shelter and client animals. Provides leadership and technical expertise to management for policy and decision making. The Shelter Veterinarian shall work with the QCAWC staff in maintaining the organization's mission and leadership toward achieving its goals and objectives.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Diagnose and prescribe treatment for shelter and client animals.
2. Perform spay and neuter surgeries on shelter and client animals.
3. Performs other surgeries and procedures as approved by the Executive Director.
4. Conduct observation of bite animals undergoing rabies quarantine to ensure compliance with local rabies regulations.
5. Prevent and control disease in the shelter animal population.
6. Supervision of veterinary assistants and clinic staff.
7. Perform euthanasia of client and shelter animals as approved by the Executive Director and Board of Directors.
8. Serve as a resource to assist shelter staff and the public with animal health related issues.
9. Act as an expert witness in humane investigation/cruelty cases.
10. Ensures the quality of animal care and the cleanliness of the shelter facility are maintained at a high standard.
11. Ensures that all shelter and client animals receive humane medical treatment and care.
12. Guidance to all departments in animal handling and care and safety issues.
13. Complies with all Federal, State, and Local codes, ordinances and regulations applicable to an animal shelter.
14. Maintain a positive image for the organization through community involvement to enhance our role and presence in our community.
15. Ability to communicate effectively in written and oral format.
16. Is readily available to address emergencies arising with the care of shelter and client animals.
17. Attends QCAWC Board Meetings.
18. Performs additional duties related to the welfare and care of the shelter and client animals as directed by the Executive Director.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and/or Equivalent Experience:

1. Graduation from a college or university accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.
2. Two (2) years previous supervisory experience preferred.
3. Two (2) years experience as a veterinarian.

Licenses or Certifications Required:

1. Licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Illinois
2. Current and valid DEA License for controlled substances.