

**CLASS SPECIFICATION**  
**County of Fairfax, Virginia**

**CLASS CODE:** 4147

**TITLE:** ANIMAL CARETAKER I

**GRADE:** S-13

**DEFINITION:**

Under general supervision, performs work concerned with the care and feeding of animals caged at the County Animal Shelter; maintenance of the shelter and its grounds; and performs related work as required.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:**

Not applicable.

**ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES:**

Cleans, disinfects and maintains animal holding cages and surrounding area;  
Maintains shelter and grounds;  
Receives and cages animals;  
Assists in medical treatment of sick or injured animals;  
Assists in the euthanasia of animals;  
Assists in the disposal of dead animals;  
Drives and maintains vehicles assigned to the Animal Shelter;  
Feeds and waters animals;  
Observes behavior of animals under care and reports unusual behavior;  
Assists in the training and supervision of volunteers and/or community service workers;  
Occasionally interacts with public to inform and allay concerns about detained animals and/or provide information on the policies and procedures of the Animal Shelter.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

Demonstrated interest in animals;  
Ability to follow written and oral instructions;  
Ability to handle animals in a humane manner and without personal injury;  
Ability to move heavy, immobilized or resistant animals;  
Ability to lift, carry, and move up to 50 pounds.

**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:**

Any combination of education, experience, and training equivalent to:  
High school graduation or a G.E.D. issued by a state department of education.

**CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES REQUIRED:**

Possession of a valid Motor Vehicle Driver's License.

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