

Animal/Barn Inspector – Job Description

DEFINITION

The Animal/Barn Inspector is responsible for carrying out the powers and duties set forth in Massachusetts General Laws and local municipal bylaws as they relate to the inspection of barns and livestock.

This position is compensated with a stipend.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The essential functions or duties listed below are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.

- Responsible for the inspection of barns to maintain an accurate census of the domestic animal population of the Town, ensure the good health of various animals and livestock, and observe animal housing and ensure ample food and water are supplied.
- Assess animals which may have been exposed to rabies or other infectious diseases to determine the severity of risk and course of action ranging from quarantine to destruction depending on vaccination status.
- Receive comments and questions from local veterinarians when clients present an animal which may have had an encounter with a potentially rabid animal.
- Investigate any domestic mammal which bites a human or another domestic mammal to initiate quarantine procedures and determine the risk of rabies or infectious disease exposure.
- Ensure all wild and domestic animals which must be tested for rabies are captured and euthanized if determined to be necessary.
- Draft and submit a range of state forms including notices of exposure, orders of quarantine, and letters detailing the absence of suspect rabies and infectious disease cases on a routine basis.
- Arrange for or otherwise prepare the remains of suspect animals for packaging and submission to the State Rabies Lab for appropriate testing.
- Performs other related job duties as required.