



LARIMER HUMANESOCIETY

## Animal Care Supervisor

<b>Job Title:</b>	<b>Animal Care Supervisor</b>
<b>Department:</b>	<b>Shelter - 02</b>
<b>Job Classification:</b>	<b>Full time; Hourly Non-Exempt Position</b>
<b>Job Relationships:</b>	<b>Reports to Shelter Manager Supervises Animal Care Technicians and assigned Volunteers</b>
<b>General Purpose:</b>	<b>Supervises daily animal care within the Shelter and implements feeding and disease control protocols; Trains and supervises staff in all aspects of animal care; Supports client services efforts when necessary</b>

This is a full-time, working-supervisor position responsible for the daily care of animals in the Shelter (including cats, dogs, small mammals, exotic pets and barnyard animals). Incumbent trains and supervises 7 to 10 Animal Care Technicians in facility cleaning, feeding and disease control protocols. Participates in Shelter Team, Shelter Supervisor and Supervisor/Manager meetings and is actively engaged in reviewing work flow and suggesting and implementing improvements. Supervises assigned volunteers including community service volunteers. Schedule includes at least one weekend day and shift hours are between 7am and 7:30pm.

### **Major Duties and Responsibilities:**

- **Responsible for the Daily Operations of the Animal Care Team in a Manner that Ensures Animals in our Facility Receive Consistent, High Quality Care**  
Supervises daily cleaning, feeding and disease control routine of the animal shelter; serves as a positive role model for Animal Care Technicians and Leads. Assists with analyzing work flow, work procedures and staffing levels and suggests and implements improvements. Schedules work for animal care staff and volunteers. Supervises and schedules community service volunteers and maintains appropriate documentation. Monitors safety procedures and reports injuries for the purpose of improving safety training and reducing on-the-job injuries.
- **Responsible for the Supervision of Animal Care Technicians and Leads**  
Schedules, assigns duties and supervises ACTs and volunteers during a particular shift. Participates in the hiring, evaluation, coaching, counseling, performance reviews and disciplinary action of staff. Assists in developing and conducts training programs. Promotes positive recognition of good performance. Assists in managing timesheet data, schedules and time off requests to ensure department coverage. Responsible for the training of Animal Care Technicians and Leads.
- **Performs the duties of an Animal Care Technician**

Performs daily cleaning of kennels, cages and public areas and follows disease control protocol to ensure a safe, healthy environment for the animals in our care. Administers animal vaccines and approved medications as directed. Provides transportation of shelter animals as needed. Informs veterinary staff, Behavior Coordinators and/or management about animal health or behavior concerns. Performs euthanasia, including euthanasia of rabies vector species as required. Provides assistance for Client Services as liaison, enters data into Chameleon as necessary.

- **Participates as a Member of Shelter Team**

Brings issues forward that are impacting the Shelter and offers information and solution options. Actively participates in discussions. Contributes to the creation and revision of Shelter standard operating procedures (SOPs).

- **Assists with State and Other Compliance Responsibilities such as PACFA, OSHA, DEA, etc., as Requested**

**Other Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Maintains inventory; assists with ordering of supplies as needed
- Plans for, recruits, trains, schedules and counsels volunteers
- Assists the Behavior team with animal evaluation and enrichment programs as required
- Instructs employees, CSU students and volunteers in approved animal handling techniques
- Monitors and sorts incoming donations; determines appropriate disbursement and storage
- Assists with animal handling training of staff
- Supports Larimer Humane Society events, off-site adoption sites, and marketing efforts
- Assists other departments as assigned
- Performs other duties as assigned

**Job Qualifications:**

**Education/Experience:** Minimum of Associate's Degree or equivalent work experience; Minimum one year of proven staff supervisory or lead experience; Minimum one year of experience in animal welfare, animal care, or animal health.

**Knowledge:** Knowledge of basic animal handling; Knowledge of basic animal health, care, and welfare; Knowledge of animal breeds and colors; Knowledge of positive dog training methods and behavior rehabilitation methods a plus .

**Skills:** Solid computing skills (Microsoft Office environment); Effective written and verbal communication skills; Strong organizational skills. Supervisory skills and emotional intelligence, ethics and integrity skills required.

**Abilities:** Able to work with shelter animals, including visually and audibly. Effective record keeping and the ability to quickly and effectively learn new software; Able to work independently and in a team setting; Able to remain calm and level-headed in an often stressful and emotional work environment; Able to use sound judgment when dealing with confidential information; Able to multi-task and to prioritize job duties in a fast-paced and constantly changing work environment; Able to exercise good judgment when dealing with personnel, client, animal, or management issues; Able

to work with disinfectants and cleaning supplies; Able to perform physical work including scrubbing, mopping, lifting, walking, squatting and bending; Ability be rabies vaccinated and to remain current with vaccinations and be periodically titer tested. Must be euthanasia certified, or able to obtain certification, within three month in the position and able to handle animals in all conditions including deceased.

**Other:** Must be at least 21 years of age (required for insurance purposes); Valid Colorado Driver's License, insurable driving record and proof of personal driver insurance that meets Colorado minimum requirements.

**Working Conditions:**

**Work Environment:** Most work performed in animal shelter setting; Potential for exposure to zoonotic diseases and to cleaning chemicals; Potential for exposure to dangerous and fractious animals; Exposure to high noise levels when in kennel areas; Exposure to wet conditions; Potential for animal bites and scratches while handling animals

**Physical Activities:** Occasional lifting and carrying of up to 50 pounds without assistance and more with assistance; Potential for standing on feet and walking for 8 or more hours a day; Driving a car; Kneeling; Squatting; Bending; Lifting; Cleaning cages (scrubbing and mopping); Walking dogs on a leash; Performing physical examinations on animals; Animal restraint; Handling syringes and needles; Speaking and listening; Performing data entry.

**Larimer Humane Society conducts criminal background checks, DMV checks and requires drug testing of all employment candidates.**