

Lab Animal Caretaker - Comparative Medicine Services Tufts University

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Job Title	Lab Animal Caretaker - Comparative Medicine Services
Department	Comparative Medicine Services
Institution	Tufts University Medford, Massachusetts
Date Posted	Jan. 3, 2024
Application Deadline	Open until filled
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Classified Staff
Academic Field(s)	Agriculture/Animal Care
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Job Description	

Overview

Tufts [Comparative Medicine Services](#) (Tufts CMS) in the Office of the Vice Provost for Research provides facilities, services, and information to facilitate effective research using laboratory animals at Tufts University and Tufts Medical Center in Boston and Tufts University in Medford. Tufts CMS is also obligated to ensure that animal care procedures and animal experimentation comply with federal, state, and local regulations. The management and operation of the animal care activities of all sites are integral to the animal care and use program. All centralized facilities are located within a 2-block radius, either in Boston or Medford and house in excess of 40,000 animals daily.

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What You'll Do

The Laboratory Animal Caretaker is responsible for the daily monitoring, husbandry, and care of lab animals. This position reports to the Animal Care Supervisors.

Responsibilities include:

- Ensure animal handling, feeding and food preparation
- Monitor food and liquid intake for animals, as well as room environment
- Provision adequate environmental enrichment
- Early detection of signs of illness, injury, pregnancy, or abnormalities in physiology or behavior
- Routine cleaning and sanitation of cages and animal living spaces
- Maintain close contact with faculty and student researchers, as well as with the University's consulting veterinarian, especially when a problem is detected or suspected
- Attend regular training as directed to keep abreast of changing regulations and standards of humane animal care
- Keep records of day-to-day animal care (e.g. including feeding, cleaning, health checks)
- Other duties as assigned

What We're Looking For

Basic Requirements:

- Knowledge and experience typically acquired through a completion of a High School diploma or GED and up to two years of related experience
- Must be able to read, write and understand verbal, as well as written instructions
- Must be able to work under conditions of animal odors, heat and humidity from cage washing rooms, and biohazardous materials and chemicals used in research
- Must be able to regularly lift and carry weights of approximately 50 pounds
- Must be able to work with a variety of research animals, including rodents, dogs, pigs, cats, rabbits, ruminants and ferrets
- Upon proper training, must be able to euthanize animals

Special Work Schedule Requirements:

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- Upon proper training, work rotating weekends and holidays on both the Medford and Boston campuses

Pay Range

Minimum \$18.80, Midpoint \$21.85, Maximum \$24.90

Salary is based on related experience, expertise, and internal equity; generally, new hires can expect pay between the minimum and midpoint of the range.

Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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