

Animal Care Attendant - Large Animal Hospital Tufts University

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Job Title	Animal Care Attendant - Large Animal Hospital
Department	Hospital for Large Animals
Institution	Tufts University Medford, Massachusetts
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Overview

The Hospital for Large Animals at Tufts University is looking to add to our team of Large Animal Care Attendants. Otherwise known as "Barn Staff", this hard working group is responsible for providing daily care to patients, maintaining a clean and organized hospital, and collaborating with other departments to ensure that our daily operations flow seamlessly.

The Hospital for Large Animals and The Henry and Lois Foster Hospital for Small Animals provides 24-hour care for pets 365 days of the year. Since 1979, we have offered high quality medical care, consultation, referral, and emergency veterinary services for the care of large and small animals. In addition, the hospital creates a positive learning experience for TCSVM students, residents and interns and supports the training of veterinary technicians.

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Benefits include medical/dental/vision, outstanding retirement options, generous paid vacation and Holidays, tuition reimbursement and pet care benefits.

What You'll Do

Daily duties include feeding patients, cleaning and disinfecting stalls, stocking feed and supplies and admitting and discharging patients. The ideal candidate will project a professional and knowledgeable presence, have a passion for animals and a desire to make a difference in the lives of animals and humans. If you are seeking a role which promotes growth, learning and values your contributions, you have found it. Our integrated care teams combine state-of-the-art science, clinical research, clinical expertise, and the human touch to provide veterinary care that goes above and beyond healing the patient to caring for the entire family.

Essential Functions as an Animal Care Attendant in the Large Animal Hospital include:

Cleaning

- In accordance with hospital cleaning protocols, maintain a clean and healthy environment for patients housed in the Hospital for Large Animals by cleaning and sanitizing hospital stabling facilities; stalls, aisles, drains, feed room, etc.
- Assist with inventory, space utilization, and preparation of patients for admission/discharge of animals.
- Maintain an adequate level of supplies. Assist the hospital for large animal clinicians, staff and students as needed.
- Maintain daily care & cleaning of hospital teaching herd and associated facility.

Patient Care

- Bedding, feed and water: Provide individual patient care per direction of clinician/resident.

Grooming/Bandaging

- Maintenance of animal's physical appearance, including at the time of discharge. Grooming teaching herd.

Other Duties as Assigned by Supervisors

- Assist Senior Veterinary Technicians with special projects on an as-needed basis. The large animal care staff have direct interaction with clients at admission and discharge, as well as stall side and therefore must be capable of projecting a professional and knowledgeable manner.

What We're Looking For

Basic Requirements:

- 3 years' minimum experience in handling of, and working around, large animals.
- High School diploma or the equivalent.

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- Valid U.S. driver's license.
- Ability to obtain a DOT Health Certificate. Basic computer skills.
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs. with or without accommodation.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Vocational/technical training or Associates Degree and 3+ years of animal care experience.
- Experience in loading and unloading large animals.
- Experience in forklift operation.
- Physical ability and dexterity to handle livestock feed containers, bags of grain, bales of hay and straw.
- Ability and dexterity to operate forklifts and waste containers used to handle livestock waste materials.
- Knowledge of feed and care requirements of various livestock.

Pay Range

Minimum \$18.00, Midpoint \$20.80, Maximum \$23.90

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

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