

Stable Attendant

FLSA Status: Covered
Bargaining Unit: District Council of Trade Unions (DCTU)

General Summary

Positions in this class perform skilled horse care and stable maintenance work at the Mounted Police Patrol stables.

Stable Attendant - 30000083

Distinguishing Characteristics

The journey level of this class typically performs all class duties. It is distinguished from other classes by its focus on providing skilled horse care and stable maintenance work.

Typical Duties/Examples of Work

1. Mixes vitamins, nutritional supplements, oils, grains and hay; feeds horses in accordance with each prescribed individual diet; maintains reports on food consumption in order to control weight gain or loss.
2. Cleans automatic waterers by removing plug and washing out inside of waterers; refills with fresh water.
3. Cleans stalls of manure and urine; refurbishes with clean sawdust and lime.
4. Cleans horse trailers.
5. Performs general horse grooming tasks, such as washing with warm soapy water, using scraper to remove excess water, using electric clippers or thinning knife to groom and worming compound to de-worm horses.
6. Performs preventive medical treatment; checks horses daily for injury; administers equine shots and medication as prescribed by veterinarian; applies first aid dressings following veterinary instructions.
7. Observes horses to become knowledgeable of each animal's behavior characteristics; tracks any subtle behavior that may indicate the need for medical attention.
8. Maintains inventory of general supplies; orders and picks-up food and medical supplies.

9. Takes temperature or pulse of horses; identifies symptoms of colic, tying-up syndrome or azoturia; applies twitch to horses in order to administer necessary first aid.
10. Responds to questions from the public; performs educational tours of stable for young people and provides information to other police departments or news media.
11. Moves horses between stable and grazing area; if necessary, transports horses to veterinarian or to mounted police officers when back-up horses are needed.
12. Performs related duties as assigned

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of equine anatomy; horse care methods and techniques including the tools commonly used in caring for horses; stable maintenance and management practices, procedures, and techniques; common occupational stable hazards and safety precautions necessary for accomplishing assigned tasks. The general practices, procedures, and techniques used in training horses; common equine illnesses and medical treatment programs including first aid procedures.

Skill in: reading, understanding, and applying detailed medical treatment programs and first aid procedures; cleaning and maintaining stables, stalls, tracks and related facilities; leading, handling, exercising, riding, and working horses;

Ability to: perform physical labor for extended periods, occasionally under adverse weather or working conditions.

Special Requirements

Valid state Driver's License

Classification History:

Adopted: 2-03-99:

Class created as a result of DCTU Classification and Compensation Study 1998-99. This class is composed of the following classes:

1217 Stable Attendant Adopted: 09-21-82

June 2009 - Change Job Class number from 1217 to 30000083, due to system change.

Working Conditions

Work in this class is typically performed in a field environment; required to negotiate rough terrain; to be called back to work for emergencies; incumbent is typically required to lift up to 100 pounds; to work outdoors in all weather conditions.