



Animal Control Officer

ANZSCO 599599

Description
Inspects the living conditions of animals and enforces regulations concerning animals (includes specific role of Dog Catcher).
Typical work tasks (may include any combination of the following)
Responds to complaints about animals and their living conditions; inspects properties and assesses animals; catches dogs that are roaming public areas unattended; contacts owners of animals and advises them of their responsibilities and options; delivers animals to the SPCA, Local Authority or veterinary facilities as appropriate.
Typical work environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employees typically work outdoors in offices and in vehicles. Occasional indoors work (e.g. in kennels/catteries) will be necessary. Indoor workspaces are generally adequately heated and ventilated.• May be required to work in all weather conditions when outside.
Typical physical and mental demands
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The physical work demand may reach heavy• Sitting is frequent when assessing data and formulating reports.• Standing and walking is necessary when out in the community catching dogs or carrying out inspection tasks.• Stretching up and reaching across may be required occasionally.• Bending squatting, crouching and kneeling may be required occasionally.• Twisting of the body or neck may be required on an occasional basis.• Contact with skin irritants or water may be required occasionally.• Lifting, carrying and pulling may be required on an occasional basis.• Repetitive movements with the hands are occasionally required due to the use of computers for entering data and preparing reports.• Driving is likely to be frequent to constant.• Use of hand-held objects/equipment will include computers, printers, photocopiers, telephones and other general office equipment.• Mental skills include analytical/investigative, problem solving, computing/report writing, knowledge of relevant laws and regulations, decision-making and communication skills.
Further comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are opportunities for flexibility of movement.
Key entry requirements (skill level, qualifications, licenses)
<p>An NZQF Level 2 or 3 qualification (ANZSCO Skill Level 4).</p> <p>At least one year of relevant experience may substitute for the formal qualifications listed above. In some instances relevant experience and/or on-the-job training may be required in addition to the formal qualification.</p> <p>Registration or licensing may be required.</p>

This document is based on ANZSCO 2013. Other sources of information that may have been consulted are industry contacts, employers, newspapers and internet-based sources. For physical demand level definitions see Matheson, L.N. (2003). Functional Capacity Evaluation.