



Bastrop County Job Posting

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Title: Animal Control Officer	Opening Date: January, 14th 2026	Application Deadline: Open until filled	Job #: 260103
Department: Animal Services	Starting Salary: \$19.63- \$21.63hr	Location: Bastrop, TX	Travel: Moderate

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL JOB POSTING

Brief Job Description: Under the supervision of the Field Services Supervisor, this position is responsible for enforcing state laws and local animal control ordinances concerning the care, treatment, and impounding of animals as well as rabies control laws such as vaccination requirements and quarantine. Conducts inspections and investigations, issues citations and warnings, and reports daily activities. Captures, impounds, and disposes of animals as necessary. Educates the public about relevant animal regulations, responsible pet ownership, and humane animal care.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: This position requires knowledge of Animal health and well-being, proper care of wild and domestic animals, various animal breeds and species, basic methods of animal capture, restraint, and impoundment. Recognize signs of animal neglect, abuse, and cruelty. Work in a safety-conscious environment and to follow & promote good safety practices

Minimum Qualifications: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily, have a high school diploma or equivalent, and a valid Texas Driver's license (or a valid out of state Driver's license with the ability to obtain a TXDL within 90 days). The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Bastrop County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, national origin, sex, religion or disability in employment or in its activities.

A Bastrop County Job Application is required and can be completed at:

<https://na3.docuSign.net/Member/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=a7d71333-73b6-4ae5-b3d7-a59c651de914>

Applications postmarked after the closing date will not be accepted. Unless otherwise indicated, regular attendance is an essential job requirement of all positions in the county. All positions requiring a degree and/or licensing require proof of degree and/or license. Your application for employment with Bastrop County may subject you to a criminal background check.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS: Only applicants scheduled for interviews will be contacted. If you are scheduled for an interview and require any reasonable accommodation in our interview process, please inform the hiring representative who calls you to schedule your interview. Whenever possible, please give the hiring representative sufficient time to consider and respond to your request. Thank you for considering employment with Bastrop County. This position has a six month eligibility list for qualified applicants. Visit our website at: <http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/co.jobs>



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FSLA Status: Non-Exempt

Reports To: Field Services Supervisor

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SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives close supervision from the Field Services Supervisor; is further supervised by Animal Services Director.

Exercises no supervision.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following:

1. Routinely patrols designated area enforcing local and state animal laws and ordinances. Responds to dispatched calls in priority order and determines appropriate action. Prepares and maintains a variety of daily records and reports. Assists citizens with information and answers questions about animal control policies and laws as well as providing information on responsible pet ownership and humane animal treatment.
2. Apprehends and confines stray, injured, and nuisance domestic and wild animals in the most safe and humane way possible, in accordance with BCAS policies and procedures. Administers minor emergency first aid to animals. Transports animals to BCAS shelter facility.
3. Impounds, quarantines, and disposes of animals as appropriate. Administers medication in accordance with BCAS policies and procedures and State law. Euthanizes sick, injured, or homeless animals as necessary. Disposes of dead animals. Returns pets to owners and transports animals to veterinarian facility as needed.
4. Investigates reports or complaints of animal-related problems or nuisances; takes appropriate action including issuance of warnings or citations; investigates reports of animal abuse; investigates animal bite reports; prepares rabies specimens as necessary. Prepares written investigative reports that may be introduced as legal court evidence.
5. Inspects and cleans department vehicles and equipment; reports maintenance issues to Field Services Supervisor and responds as directed.

6. Assists as needed with the care of shelter animals, including feeding/watering, cleaning of kennels, holding areas, yard areas, and general housekeeping duties.
7. Subject to emergency call-in, weekend, and/or holiday duty as directed by supervisor.
8. Works as part of a team and maintains a cooperative, helpful attitude towards fellow workers, supervisors, and the general public. Maintains confidentiality and security of all case work and any additional information provided.

OTHER FUNCTIONS: Performs other job related duties as directed by supervisor(s).

NOTE: The essential functions describe the general nature and level of work being performed by employees holding this position. This is not intended to be a comprehensive listing of all duties and responsibilities required, nor is all duties listed necessarily performed by any one employee so classified.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily, have a high school diploma or equivalent, and a valid Texas Driver's license (or a valid out of state Driver's license with the ability to obtain a TXDL within 90 days). The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Knowledge of:

Animal health and well-being, proper care of wild and domestic animals;
Various animal breeds and species;
Basic methods of animal capture, restraint, and impoundment;
Pertinent local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the care and control of animals;
Basic methods and procedures of kennel cleaning and maintenance.

Ability to:

Handle animals safely and effectively;
Operate a variety of tools, capture equipment, and related gear used for capturing and securing animals;
Identify animal breeds, species, gender, and age;
Identify signs of animal illnesses, diseases, and injuries;
Recognize signs of animal neglect, abuse, and cruelty;
Perform general cleaning tasks using a variety of chemical and detergent products;
Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of the job;
Perform various manual tasks for extended periods of time and in unfavorable weather conditions;
Work a schedule which may include nights, weekends and holidays;
Perform heavy manual labor including loading/unloading animals into truck and cages;
Operate equipment required to perform essential job functions;
Work independently in the absence of supervision;
Work in a safety-conscious environment and to follow & promote good safety practices;
Learn, understand, and apply pertinent laws, rules, and regulations;
Understand and follow verbal and written instructions;
Communicate clearly and concisely, both verbally and in writing.

Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential duties of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

Making observations, operating assigned equipment, and communicating with others;
Employee must have visual abilities including close vision, distance vision, depth perception, peripheral vision, and the ability to adjust focus.

Effectively handle a work environment and conditions which involve:

Working with various kinds of animals, Exposure to loud noise, Exposure to various weather Conditions, working closely with others, working outside normal business hours and in hours of darkness; Exposure to dust, dirt, fumes, animal waste, grasses, weeds, and other vegetation, and exposure to airborne particles;

Maintain physical condition needed to accomplish the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities, which may include:

Walking, sitting, stooping or standing for long periods of time, Lifting and carrying animals and heavy materials in excess of 100 pounds, Climbing, Crawling, Squatting, Kneeling, and Running, Performing heavy manual labor, working on uneven and/or slippery surfaces.

Maintain mental capacity sufficient to accomplish the performance of assigned duties and Responsibilities, which may include:

Effective interaction and communication with others;
Prepare clear and concise reports;
Making sound decisions in a manner consistent with the essential job functions.

EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION, and LICENSING:

Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

Some knowledge and experience in handling, identifying, restraining, and caring for animals.

Education:

High School graduation or its equivalent.

Licensing:

Basic Animal Control Officer Certification in the State of Texas, or ability to be so certified within 6 months of hire date;
Possession of a valid Texas driver's license.
Must be able to obtain Euthanasia Certification within 6 months

SELECTION GUIDELINES:

Formal application; rating of education and experience; oral interview; reference and other background checks; job-related tests may be required.

Drug and Alcohol Testing:

This position is subject to random and/or reasonable suspicion and/or post-accident testing for drugs and alcohol in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and County policy.

Employment At-Will:

This job description does not constitute an employment agreement and is subject to change. Under no circumstance is this job description, or any part of it, to be construed as a contract of employment, either express or implied.

Employment is at-will and may be terminated at any time by either the employer or employee.