



Position Qualification for On-scene Security, Protection and Law Enforcement
Animal Emergency Response

ANIMAL CONTROL/HUMANE OFFICER

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Animal Emergency Response
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	<p>The Animal Control/Humane Officer maintains public safety by enforcing animal-related laws and providing safe and humane capture and containment of animals in one or more of the following competency areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Companion animals, including pets, service animals, and assistance animals 2. Livestock, including food or fiber animals and domesticated equine species 3. Wildlife animals, captive wildlife, and zoo animals 4. Laboratory animals
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Animal Search and Rescue Team). 2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment 3. This position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days 4. Requestor specifies competency areas necessary based on the animal population the position will serve 5. Requestor specifies specialty skills or certifications necessary, such as euthanasia or chemical capture 6. Requestor specifies whether Animal Control/Humane Officer should bring animal control vehicle and specialized equipment

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	<p>The Animal Control/Humane Officer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provides case management of animals involved in human bite cases 2. Provides safe and humane capture and containment of stray, abandoned, unattended, diseased, or injured animals 3. Assists with emergency euthanasia, as the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) authorizes 4. Ensures safety precautions for the public and animals when working in potentially dangerous situations with unfamiliar and unpredictable animals 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified
TRAINING	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System 2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents 3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 5. National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA) certification training or equivalent formal training 	Not Specified
EXPERIENCE	Two years of experience as an animal control officer, commensurate with the mission	Not Specified



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PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Performs duties under arduous circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time2. Is able to work while wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)3. Keeps immunizations up to date and commensurate with mission	PPE is mission specific and may vary by work environment; it includes protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposure, eye and ear protection, respirators, gloves, and masks.
CURRENCY	Routinely provides animal control services commensurate with the mission	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	NACA certification or equivalent animal control certification	Not Specified



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NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Animal Search and Rescue Team
2. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
3. National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA) Guidelines