



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

## ANIMAL CONTROL/HUMANE OFFICER

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Animal Emergency Response
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Personnel
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	<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"> <li>1. Companion animals, including pets, service animals, and assistance animals</li> <li>2. Livestock, including food or fiber animals and domesticated equine species</li> <li>3. Wildlife animals, captive wildlife, and zoo animals</li> <li>4. Laboratory animals</li> </ol>
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Animal Search and Rescue Team).</li> <li>2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>3. Requestor specifies competency areas necessary based on the animal population the position will serve</li> <li>4. Requestor specifies specialty skills or certifications necessary, such as euthanasia or chemical capture</li> <li>5. Requestor specifies whether Animal Control/Humane Officer should bring animal control vehicle and specialized equipment</li> </ol>

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



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<b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b>	1. Arduous 2. Is able to work while wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) 3. Keeps immunizations up to date and commensurate with mission	1. 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. 2. NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions.
<b>CURRENCY</b>	Routinely provides animal control services commensurate with the mission	Not Specified
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b>	NACA certification or equivalent animal control certification	Not Specified



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## NOTES

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

## REFERENCES

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1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Animal Search and Rescue Team
2. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
3. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
4. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
5. National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA) Guidelines