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JOB DESCRIPTION

CARE SPECIALIST - LEAD

THE P OSITION	Under direction from the Executive Director and the Shelter Manager, the Lead will assist with the supervision of the Care Specialist staff to ensure that high quality customer service is provided to all customers as well as ensure that humane animal care is provided to all shelter animals. This is an at-will position.
EXAMPLES OF DUTIES	 Review, monitor, and support daily activities of the shelter and Care Specialist Staff. Assist with supervision, training and evaluation of Care Specialist Staff. Assist with daily dispositioning of shelter animals. Evaluate, temperament test and screen animals for placement. Perform euthanasia. Ensure proper cash drawer balance and assist in preparation of deposits. Maintain appropriate records and reports. Order and maintain supplies. Work with and help direct volunteer activities. Act as Shelter Manager in her/his absence. Perform Care Specialist duties as required. Perform other duties as required.
ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS and REQUIREMENTS	 Must have one year of supervisory or management experience or its equivalent in an agency with the aforementioned responsibilities. Must hold a California State Euthanasia Certificate along with demonstrated ability and skill in humane euthanasia techniques or ability to obtain certification within six months of employment. Must have a high school diploma, G.E.D equivalency, or a high school proficiency certificate. Must have computer training and/or experience. Must have knowledge and demonstrated ability to identify animal breeds, age and health conditions. Must have knowledge and skills in the humane care and handling of animals. Must have knowledge of basic animal behavior. Must have knowledge of proper kennel cleaning techniques. Must have knowledge of modern office methods, procedures and equipment. Must have excellent customer service and conflict resolution skills. Must have the ability to work quickly, efficiently and be well organized. Must have the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Must possess a valid California driver's license with a clear driving record and be insurable. Will work both indoors and outdoors in all weather conditions during daylight and after dark. Will work both indoors and outdoors in all weather conditions during daylight and after dark. Will work with healthy, sick, dead and fractious animals. Will work with healthy, sick, dead and fractious animals. Will work with difficult and irate customers. Will work with difficult and irate customers. Will be required to stand or sit for long periods of time, walk, reach, frequent bending and stooping, lift and carry up to 75 lbs. without assistance. Will perform euthanasia which may cause physical or emotional stress. Must work rotating shifts, weekends, holidays, overtime and be on-call after hours as needed.