Downloaded from <https://www.velvetjobs.com/job-descriptions/animal-caretaker>

# Example of Animal Caretaker Job Description

Our innovative and growing company is searching for experienced candidates for the position of animal caretaker. Please review the list of responsibilities and qualifications. While this is our ideal list, we will consider candidates that do not necessarily have all of the qualifications, but have sufficient experience and talent.

## Responsibilities for animal caretaker

* In addition, will work in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook
* Shall assist in providing non-routine assignment care, a change in procedure, special problems, , but is responsible for independently selecting, applying, and modifying appropriate laboratory animal care procedures for species and condition of the animals utilized in experimentation
* Close visual attention is necessary in a majority of work and it is the responsibility of the contractor to inform the investigator, technicians, supervisor and veterinarians of abnormalities, changes, , in animal conditions
* Shall have qualified personnel who are capable of competently (which includes safely) restraining the species with which they are working
* Must exercise considerable skill in tending animals, pre- and post-operatively, and particularly in instances where medical devices have been surgically implanted
* Will operate a forklift and shall be licensed within 6 months of being at USAMRIID
* Employee working in containment areas BSL 3 and 4 must meet Biological Personnel Reliability Program (BPRP) and Select Agent requirements in accordance with Army Regulation 50-1
* In addition, the employee will work in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook
* The Animal Caretaker is responsible for participating fully in all aspects of animal work including those relative to animal receipt, observation and husbandry related to experimental procedures
* Variable work hours, to include 24/7 coverage, evenings/nights, weekends, Government holidays, and during unforeseen closures or circumstances may apply, as requested by COR, TOCOR, or the Director, VMD (or delegated representative) to meet mission requirements

## Qualifications for animal caretaker

* Performing general laboratory animal housekeeping and facility cleaning duties
* Assists professional personnel in performing veterinary procedures
* Documents specific observations or findings on appropriate forms
* Utilizes biological and/or industrial safety procedures which are in direct relation to animal caretaking and involves the use of specially designed equipment and procedures for protection of the Animal Caretaker and his/her co¬workers, for prevention of cross infection by other laboratory animals, and for the containment of infectious materials within the laboratory suite
* Monitor certification/maintenance dates on medical equipment and notify the customer and animal caretaker working lead in a timely fashion of certifications that are coming due
* Must be able to regularly lift and carry weights of approximately 50 pounds