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# 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

* Tasks to include cage changing and sanitation, general animal housekeeping and cleaning duties
* Performing related duties required for the proper care, feeding and housing of laboratory animal
* Sweeps, mops, and scrubs floors
* Assists supervisor in instruction and training of assigned support employees
* Assists in the fabrication or modification of equipment
* Assists in animal treatment, surgery, and autopsies
* Cleans and sterilizes animal utensils, cages, pens, rooms, and related support areas utilizing steam and chemical or soap solutions according to prescribed sanitary standards
* Assists in animal experimentation procedures, up to and including surgery
* Performs minor maintenance on animal cages and equipment
* Records experimental data

## Qualifications for animal caretaker

* Upon proper training, must be able to euthanize animals
* Pre-appointment physical examination required
* Must either have ALAT cert or successfully pass ALAT exam within 12 months of hire if they have animal experience
* Two (2) years laboratory animal care experience with high school diploma
* Second level AALAS\* certification required for CAR\*\* employees
* Maintains equipment, instrument, and supply inventories