

DESCRIPTION: Under administrative direction, serves as the official Racing Commission Veterinarian which entails securing specimens from horses, observing and examining horses, recommending scratching horses from races, and supervising operation of the Test Barn; performs related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (A position may not be assigned all the duties listed, nor do the listed examples include all the duties that may be assigned.)

Develops and writes policies and procedures for test barn operations to maintain security, to ensure proper identification and handling of specimens and to maintain medical reports.

Monitors test barn operations and trains and directs assistants to secure urine samples and to assist the Veterinarian in collecting specimens of blood, saliva, and other body fluids and elimination's.

Examines horses to report on their condition as may be requested by the Racing Secretary or Stewards.

Determines the need for and destroys horses to ensure humane treatment of animals.

Monitors the health of all horses entered in the races to advise Stewards on the condition of horses that have been requested to scratch out of the race, to report on injuries, illness or unsoundness of any horse, and to ensure safety for both jockeys and horses.

Directs the procedures used to control contagious and infectious illnesses to protect the health and safety of horses and jockeys.

Consolidates into a list all horses that have been excused from racing because of being incapable of performing due to sickness, injury, or unsoundness and issues a certificate of fitness, subject to the approval of the Stewards, before the horse can enter or start a race to ensure race safety.

Administers and directs the Racing Commission's participation in the ARC/Drug Testing Quality Assurance Program to ensure drug free racing.

Files all relevant documents and writes reports to comply with rules and regulations and requests from the Racing Commission, the Racing Secretary, or the Racing Stewards.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED: (These are needed to perform the work assigned.)

Knowledge of: Nebraska Statutes, Rules and Regulations that govern horse racing; drug testing methods; veterinary medicine as it pertains to horses.

Ability to: handles horses; give injections; draw body fluids; deal with officials, jockey, trainers, veterinarians, horse owners, and the public; administer the Nebraska Statutes, Rules and Regulations that govern horse racing.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in the state of Nebraska and experience in working with horses.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

In accordance with the Nebraska Rules and Regulations Governing Horse Racing, 14.001.01, persons in this class must be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Nebraska.

SPECIAL NOTE:

This position will require extensive travel and a split work day.

State agencies are responsible to evaluate each of their positions to determine the individual overtime eligibility status as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).