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 CLASS

TITLE: Laboratory Animal Aide

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 SCHEDULE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## POSITION PURPOSE

Assist in performing simple, routine tasks incident to the care, feeding and maintenance of a variety of laboratory animals in an animal care facility or facilities at the University.

## ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Clean and disinfect animal cages, pens and heavy floor grates via water hosing method or automatic machine cagewashing device. Mix chemical cleansing agents and solutions (e.g. bleach, acid cleaner and tri-quat) to sanitize and disinfect bottles, pans, pails, cages, pens and entire work area.
- Sweep and mop floors using push broom, dry mop or wet-n-dry vacuum. Remove soiled bedding and defecation into refuse cans to be incinerated or disposed of in a dumpster. Incinerate deceased animals and dispose of remains accordingly. Place fresh bedding materials in animal cages, pens and pans. Provide fresh food and water to all animals.
- Receive animal feed, bedding and supplies. Transport heavy animal feed and bedding bags using moving equipment to appropriate locations. Assist in animal identification procedures; maintain applicable charts and records; catch, restrain and cage various animal species ranging in weight from 70g-100 lbs. Store feed, bedding and supplies. May assist in the transportation of animals and supplies via motor vehicle. Transport refuse and empty into large outdoor dumpsters.
- Assist in the care of animals as assigned by principal investigator, clinical veterinarian or research personnel. May assist in administering prescribed simple medical treatments requiring the utilization and manipulation of a variety of medical apparatus, e.g. swab, bandage, etc.
- Maintain safe working conditions at all times using equipment and supplies following appropriate safety procedures; protect against controllable fairly predictable hazards wearing safety masks, goggles, gloves, boots and other protective clothing. Complete work assignments represented by frequent handling and transporting of semi-sedentary to very heavy animal species and other equipment and supplies.
- Perform related work as assigned.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

- Graduation or presently enrolled in an accredited Animal Health Technician training program is preferred.
- Possession and maintenance of a valid Michigan vehicle operator's license is required.
- Some experience and knowledge in the care, feeding and handling of various laboratory animal species preferred.
- Ability to transport a variety of extremely light to very heavy laboratory animal species.
- Ability to communicate effectively with others.