

ANIMAL SPECIALIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision, the incumbent of this classification is responsible for the care, feeding and handling of highly trained Border Collies. The incumbent will transport the dogs from kennel to golf course, rotating courses, and will work the dogs to help solve the problem of geese at the golf courses. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Feeds, grooms and handles dogs trained to dissipate geese on County golf courses;

Signals and cues dogs so they will effectively and safely disperse geese;

Transports dogs from home to work site, rotating work sites and returning them to their kennels;

Cleans kennels and eating utensils;

Grooms dogs.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Ability to train dog with control commands and signals; ability to control dogs; ability to form effective bonding with the dogs; initiative; resourcefulness; good judgment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: There are no minimum qualifications.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a valid New York State operator's license.