

Position Title: **Animal Care Technician II**
Reports to: **Animal Care Supervisor**
Department: **Avian Services**
Date Revised: **March 2008**
FLSA Status: **Non-Exempt (hourly)**

Summary:

This position is responsible for the humane care and treatment of animals in the animal care facility. Performs and/or leads procedures related to research, development, and testing of vaccines in animals and perform general maintenance of the testing facilities.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Provide care for the animal maintained at the facilities, i.e. maintaining the proper environment (adequate heat, feed, water, etc.).
2. Strictly adhere to biosecurity measures in place and maintain the facility in a controlled and contaminant free manner through cleaning and disinfection.
3. Maintain accurate records in accordance with USDA regulations.
4. Leads routine procedures that are involved in testing vaccines and/or research; such as wing-banding, vaccinating, bleeding, and euthanizing of animals, and other procedures as needed in accordance with Standard Operating Procedures.
5. Provides effective on-the-job training to new technicians in all phases of bird care, treatment, and testing procedures.
6. Develop and maintain the technical skill to make minor repairs to the pens, cages, and equipment, such as drinkers, heaters, and feeders.
7. Maintain the buildings and grounds in and around the test facility in a neat and clean manner.
8. Recognizes major poultry diseases in live birds by symptoms and manifestations. Reports any unusual behavior or symptoms immediately to supervisor.
9. Reads, understands, and interpret results either through necropsy and/or live bird observation and analysis during potency and safety testing,
10. Assists with quality initiatives for continuous improvement and promotes teamwork concept within the testing department.
11. Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Must have a minimum of a high-school diploma or equivalent with three (3) years of experience in animal care. Post high school education in animal science or other science field and previous farm animal care experience preferred. Working knowledge of bird diseases and symptoms required. Ability to work independently and as a team with the ability to follow oral and written instructions required. Good record keeping, attention to detail skills, and oral communication skills required. Must be able to obtain and maintain FBI background check clearance to work with select agent(s).

Additional Comments:

Weekend work and occasional off-hour work will be required. Must work safely with disinfectants, detergents, and other potentially dangerous materials. Must work under a variety of external and internal environmental conditions.

Note: All LAHI job descriptions are guidelines to assist employees in awareness of qualifications and performance expectations for their respective positions. It is not possible or desirable to commit every detailed aspect of each job to a written description. Each employee is expected to continually improve their knowledge and understanding of their job requirements and to use this information to increase insight as to the scope of their responsibilities. Job descriptions cannot be used as an argument to refuse work assignments.

Incumbent Signature

Date