



LAB ANIMAL CARETAKER 1

Location: Kennedy Space Center, FL

Category: Engineering

Your Impact:

DECK4 as a subcontractor on the Consolidated Operations, Management, Engineering and Test (COMET) contract provides support of implementation of ground systems capabilities, flight hardware processing and launch operations at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. These tasks support the International Space Station, Exploration Ground Systems, Space Launch System, Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle and Launch Services programs.

Job Description:

- Support the preparation of animal husbandry equipment and supplies, including sanitation and sterilization of all items.
- Process bags and/or boxes of animal feed, bedding material, supplies, and equipment. Prepare and feed regular and/or special diets and sterile deionized water.
- Perform quality control activities, such as maintaining logs and providing samples of sterile feed and water.
- Operate cage rack washer, bottle washer, sterilizer, and other facility related equipment. Perform routine maintenance of equipment as per manufacturer's recommendations.
- Prepare supplies and equipment required in support of research investigations.
- Handle animals in conjunction with relocating, cage change, feeding, watering, identifying, performing health checks, data collection, and/or administering of medications. Maintain daily health check log.
- Maintain supply and equipment inventory. Stock received supplies as needed. Perform monthly inventory and communicate to the Lead Animal Care Technician or Technologist when items require replenishing.
- Support contractor personnel and science customers requiring access to the facility in the proper wipe down/sanitation of items required for use. Assist with donning of cleanroom attire, including providing gloving instruction to personnel requiring access.
- Maintain the barrier facility/cleanroom for Specific Pathogen Free conditions, including cleaning all surfaces and conducting microbial air and surface sampling.
- Perform weekly safety walk-downs.
- Perform other duties as assigned.



Here's What You'll Need:

Requirements:

- Requires a minimum of a high school diploma plus one year of experience in a laboratory animal facility or additional experience with animals in a related capacity.
- Must be able to pass KSC Primary Animal Contact Direct (PAD) physical.
- Must have an understanding of the moral and ethical aspects of the care and use of research animals.
- Must be able to don cleanroom attire and wear for extended periods of time.
- Physical requirements include climbing stairs or platforms to access equipment, may involve long periods of standing, lifting up to 50 lbs., pushing, pulling, squatting, bending, twisting, climbing, grasping, overhead reaching, wrist flexion/extension, and visual capability.
- Will be required to wear hearing protection, eye protection, and other associated personal protective equipment.
- Position is located near a hazardous testing facility; must be able to quickly evacuate buildings in the event of an emergency.
- Walking on uneven terrain including paved areas, gravel/rocks, and dirt/sand is required.
- Will be required to work in areas with temperature variations and warmer than usual environments.
- Position requires exposure to animal odors and potential allergens.
- Required to have general working knowledge of standard office equipment.
- Must be dependable, punctual, and able to work off-nominal hours including weekends and holidays.
- Must be able to accurately communicate ideas verbally and in writing.
 - Full-time regular work hours between Monday-Friday.
 - Position may require occasional overtime including weekend work depending on task.
 - Must be dependable and punctual.
 - Shift work may be required.



Other Essential Functions

- Must be able to accurately communicate ideas in writing and verbal communication.
- Must be able to travel to support position requirements. This may include travel to and from customer location, which may involve airline travel. In some cases, accommodations can be made for POV, if necessary.
- Grooming and dress must be appropriate for the position and must not impose a safety risk/hazard to the employee or others.
- Must comply with all “drug free workplace” requirements as mandated by directives issued by the appropriate federal contracting officer and the company, which requires drug testing for use of illegal drugs by employees in sensitive positions.
- Government security clearance may be required in the future.
- Must maintain a positive work atmosphere by behaving and communicating in a manner that fosters good relations with customers, clients, co-workers, and management.

DECK4 does not discriminate. At DECK4, our objective is maintaining a professional work environment and to hire the best qualified individuals with the education, skills and abilities to satisfy the work requirements of our customers.