# ANIMAL CONTROL/HUMANE OFFICER

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| **DESCRIPTION** | The Animal Control/Humane Officer:  
1. Maintains public safety by enforcing animal-related laws and providing safe and humane capture and containment of animals in one or more of the following competency areas:  
a. Companion animals, including pets, service animals, and assistance animals  
b. Livestock, including food or fiber animals and domesticated equine species  
c. Wildlife animals, captive wildlife, and zoo animals  
d. Laboratory animals  
2. Provides case management of animals involved in human bite cases  
3. Provides safe and humane capture and containment of stray, abandoned, unattended, diseased, or injured animals  
4. Assists with emergency euthanasia, as the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) authorizes  
5. Ensures safety precautions for the public and animals when working in potentially dangerous situations with unfamiliar and unpredictable animals | Not Specified |
| **EDUCATION** | Not Specified | Not Specified |
| **TRAINING** | Completion of the following:  
1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System  
2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents  
5. National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA) certification training or equivalent formal training | Not Specified |
| **EXPERIENCE** | Two years of experience as an animal control officer, commensurate with the mission | Not Specified |

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.
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| PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS        | 1. Performs duties under arduous circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time  
                                         2. Is able to work while wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)  
                                         3. Keeps immunizations up to date and commensurate with mission | PPE is mission specific and may vary by work environment; it includes protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposure, eye and ear protection, respirators, gloves, and masks. |
| CURRENCY                        | Routinely provides animal control services commensurate with the mission                                                                                                                                 | Not Specified                                                                          |
| PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS | NACA certification or equivalent animal control certification                                                                                                                                           | Not Specified                                                                          |
NOTES
Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

REFERENCES
1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Animal Search and Rescue Team
2. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
3. National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA) Guidelines