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**Job objective:**

Seeking a position of Animal Control Officer at an organization where I can use my experience and proficiency in animal care to provide shelter to animals of different breeds, and respond to emergency situations.

**Summary of Skills:**

* Extensive knowledge about the federal laws, codes and regulations related to animal control
* In-depth information about various breeds of animals, and behavioral characteristics of dogs, cats, and others
* Capable of investigating livestock damages, attacks on animals, and providing substantial evidence to the court if required
* Ability to maintain animal shelters and apply stringent enforcement laws in case of emergency
* Comprehensive knowledge of issuing animal healthcare instructions, and follow procedures recommended by the veterinary doctor
* Capable to bend, stoop, crawl, walk, and run to remote locations to rescue wild and domestic animals
* Good physical strength, stamina, and observational skills

**Work Experience:**

Senior Animal Control Officer

City of Rochester, Rochester, MN 55904

March 2016 – Present

* Providing exceptional care by maintaining proper records of medical checkups, veterinary care, diet plans for the animals in foster rescue shelter
* Responding to inquiries from public pertaining to animal control laws and suggesting options for adoption of a pet
* Conducting investigations for reported abnormal behavior of animals, and identifying uncommon characteristics in breeds
* Ensuring all animals were transported to the respective impound facilities, and maintaining a record of them
* Marketing special events like vet care, vaccination open house, adoption fair to increase 'Care for Animals' awareness in public
* Enforcing laws by issuing warnings, examining animal licenses and reporting it to police in case of violation to request arrests

Animal Control Officer

Community Vet Hospital, Rochester, MN

April 2014 – February 2016

* Collaborated with animal control experts to capture wild animals and provided proper care
* Investigated public calls of animal abuse, visited owner apartment, issued warnings, and punishment for violation of ordinances
* Attended calls of animal bites and enforced isolation of stray animals suffering from rabies or other contagious diseases
* Initiated a campaign to register every pet in the city to determine their population
* Worked with a vet team to modify behavior of aggressive animals or pet canines in the shelter home by providing alternative physical exercising tactics, and teaching obedience
* Supervised a staff of 10 new animal control officers, and instructed them about the regulations to be followed while providing care

Animal Control Officer

Jim's Animal Controlling Services, Rochester, MN

November 2012 – March 2014

* Conducted sessions on educating pet owners on positive reinforcement training, pet laws, and providing proper care according to city's laws
* Initiated a 'Be Kind to Animals' fundraiser week every month and used the donations for treatment of abused animals
* Cleaned animal cages, kennels and quarantine areas in the shelter home to maintain a hygienic environment and prevent cross contamination of diseases
* Investigated reports of animal abuse and neglect by physically visiting the place to collect evidence and submitted them in the judicial court
* Handled situations like animal attack, loose livestock and aggressive animals by coordinating with team
* Assisted in minor medical problems and groomed animals

**Volunteer:**

Jim's Animal Controlling Services, Rochester Minnesota

May 2011 – October 2012

* Addressed animal-related complaints from public, captured stray dogs if needed and brought them to animal rescue shelter
* Played a key role in capturing stray animals to decrease the likelihood of spread of mange, parvo or rabies
* Responded to call reporting animal abuse and visited the owner's place for verification or collecting evidences
* Provided optimal care for animals in the shelter by giving timely meals, and consulted veterinary doctors to ensure their good health
* Assisted team to suppress aggressive canines and change behavior to make the dogs suitable for adoption

**Education:**

* Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Science
University of Minnesotta, Morris, MN
2012

**Certification:**

* NACA Certified Animal Controller, 2012

**Affiliations:**

* People for Ethical Treatment of Animals, 2013
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 2013

**Reference:**

On request.