Research Job Function

**Animal Technologist**  
Grade 52

**Summary**  
Performs duties related to specialized animal care or colonies.

**Typical Duties**

1. Maintains animal facilities and animal health in specialized areas such as breeding colonies and controlled environments.

2. Keeps records of animal care, identification, weights, temperatures, food consumption, pertaining to a research project, production colony, or other specialized animal care.

3. Handles difficult and/or hazardous animals.

4. Assists in certain experimental procedures under the direct supervision of a professional instructor (e.g. anesthesia, euthanasia, injection, perfusion).

5. May order food, supplies, and animals.

6. Performs related duties as required.

**Typical Requirements**

*Education:* American Association of Laboratory Animal Science certificate as a technologist.  
Some undergraduate training in animal management or biological science preferred.

*Skills and Experience:* Six or more years of experience in animal care or equivalent.

Note: This is a model job description reflecting a sample of typical duties. It is intended to suggest a general level of skill and complexity and as such is not a substitute for the local, specific descriptions for individual jobs.

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