



Animal and Plant
Health Inspection
Service

Wildlife Services

National Wildlife
Research Center

4101 LaPorte Ave
Fort Collins, CO
80525

OPEN DATE: June 5th, 2017

POSITION TITLE: Biological Science Technician (Wildlife)
13 Month Seasonal Temp Appointment with Benefits
Not to Exceed 13 months

ANNOUNCEMENT #: USDA-WS-NWRC-6a

SERIES/GRADE: GS 0404-05

LOCATION: Logan, UT
(Relocation expenses will not be paid)

SALARY: \$32,844 per annum

CLOSING DATE: June 30th, 2017

WHO MAY APPLY:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be 18 years old
- If you are a male born after December 31, 1959 and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law (5 U.S.C. 3328) requires that you must be registered with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions (proof of registration and/or exemption required). Website: <http://www.sss.gov>.
- DD-214 (Member 4 copy) and/or VA letter required for applicable Veteran preference.
- The OF-306 form may be obtained from Contact Office or downloaded from <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/of.asp>.

DUTIES:

1. In cooperation with the Supervisory Research Wildlife Biologist (Station Leader) and other team leadership (Animal Care and Environmental Enrichment) assists with animal care at the facility.
2. Provide care for caged or penned captive animals, primarily coyotes. This requires feeding, cleaning kennels and pens, and handling animals, and to do so with minimal stress to the animal. This work requires the ability to recognize normal and abnormal physiological states; ability to provide medical treatment when required; and the ability to provide unsupervised care, after hours, on weekends, and on holidays as assigned by supervisor. A high level of skill and independent judgment is expected for solving problems that arise during captive care and maintenance of coyotes.
3. Using a computer, the incumbent inputs data and follows security procedures to preserve the records. The individual must be capable of extracting information from the database created, and to provide specific information when requested. These records are used to maintain accurate and complete written records on animals used for research, and are used for archival purposes as part of Good Laboratory Practice and Animal Welfare Act provisions.

4. Assumes responsibility in ensuring that appropriate veterinary medical care, as determined by a veterinarian, is available and implemented.

5. Collects daily records of animal behavior, response to environmental enrichment, and for forming and following an environmental enrichment schedule.

6. Assists with planning and completing routine vaccinations, veterinary care as specified by a veterinarian, and necropsy procedures.

7. Maintains detailed knowledge of regulations and directives associated with the Animal Welfare Act, Good Laboratory Practices, Field Station Standard Operating Procedures, and other relevant documents and policies relating to animal welfare and activities at the Field Station.

8. In cooperation with the Supervisory Research Wildlife Biologist (Station Leader) assists with research studies and other activities at the Millville Predator Research Facility. For research studies, the incumbent collects, prepares, evaluates, and verifies samples and supporting records, maintains records, and locates and compiles data and other information from various sources. The study and activities align with the Project Document, and assistance will focus on preparation, collecting data, and evaluating samples in respect to development of control methodologies for managing predation on livestock and natural resources.

9. In cooperation with the Supervisory Research Wildlife Biologist (Station Leader), assists as directed in the selection of animals of the appropriate age, lineage, medical, and experimental background for studies as required by Field Station projects, or cooperating agencies and institutions.

SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE AT THE GS-5 GRADE LEVEL:

Applicant must have 1 year of specialized experience at the GS-4 level:

Examples of Specialized Experience:

- Experience understanding of animal welfare requirements with special emphasis on the care and handling of wildlife, particularly captive coyotes;
- Experience in wildlife management and biology principles;
- Experience in the requirements, and application of the Animal Welfare Act;
- Experience with animal care practices and the unique requirements of wildlife maintained in a captive setting.

OR

Successful completion of a full 4-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree with major study, or at least 24 semester hours, in any combination of scientific or technical courses such as biology, chemistry, entomology, animal husbandry, botany, physics, agriculture, or mathematics, with at least 6 semester hours in wildlife.

OR

Equivalent combinations of successful completed education and experience may be used to meet the total qualification requirements. The total percentage must equal at least 100 percent to qualify.

TRANSCRIPTS are required if:

- This position requires specific coursework or a degree in a specific field to be basically qualified.
- You are qualifying for the position based on education.
- You are qualifying for this position based on a combination of experience and education.
- This education must have been successfully completed and obtained from an accredited school, college, or university.

HOW TO APPLY: Submit a resume, and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references AS A SINGLE ELECTRONIC FILE (email preferred) by June 30th, 2017 to Julie Young at Julie.K.Young@aphis.usda.gov .