**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:**

**POSITION TITLE: VETERINARIAN**

**CLOSING DATE: Until filled**

**SALARY RANGE: Negotiable (Depending on Qualifications)**

The Walton County Sheriff’s Office is actively seeking qualified applicants for the position of Animal Shelter Veterinarian.

**SCOPE OF POSITION:**

To perform and oversee all veterinary services for shelter animals. Maximize the use of clinic resources to ensure animal resident health at a minimum cost. To provide medical care as well as humane care and treatment to all animals in accordance with the ASPCA. Must be able to work with inmates.

**NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

* Must be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Florida
* Must obtain a Drug Enforcement Administration License within 60 days of hire

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATONS:**

* Doctorate from an accredited school of veterinary medicine
* Must have a valid driver’s license
* Must receive Inmate Work Program Training.
* Must possess the following knowledge, skills and abilities:
	+ Work collaboratively with Directors, Managers, and Staff.
	+ Provides leadership to resolve disputes and mediates complaints at the lowest possible level
	+ Diagnose and treat medical conditions in all animals. Follow progress of all patients placed on treatment, keeping records of all treatments and final outcomes in coordination with other Managers, Directors and Staff.
	+ Direct, conduct and evaluate treatment plans, disease control measures, and hands-on medical treatment and progress of animals housed at the shelter including but not limited to: vaccination protocols, nutrition and feeding protocols, parasite control measures, housing and sanitation, treatment protocols for routine infectious diseases, preventative medicine procedures, emergency evaluation, treatment and procedures, pre-adoption exams in accordance with regulations.
	+ Create, implement, and measure compliance with procedures and protocols to ensure continued health.
	+ Develop, conduct and monitor medical program protocols and procedures.
	+ Direct and conduct a high quality, high volume sterilization program, including performance of ovariohysterectomies and castrations on cats and dogs. Supervise all aspects of the procedures including anesthesia and post-operative care of the patient.
	+ Perform non-sterilization surgical procedures when deemed appropriate for the adoptability of an Animal Shelter pet.
	+ Assist with internal and public relations consultation and education services as they pertain to veterinary medical issues.
	+ Assist in animal cruelty investigations through examination and documentation of endangered/deceased animals, on-scene response, and consultation with Criminal Investigations Bureau or other authorized investigative entity
	+ Must be available for after-hours telephone consultation with Animal Control Staff
	+ Must be available for after-hours call-outs, extended hours during periods of natural or man-made disasters, and may be required to respond in the field as necessary.
	+ Adheres to work schedule and attendance requirements.

**TO APPLY:**

External Applicants: To be considered for this position, applicants must submit a Walton County Sheriff’s Office Support Staff Application. Applications and instructions are available online via the Agency’s website: http//www.waltonso.org.

For assistant, please call the Walton County Sheriff’s Office Human Resources Office at

850-892-8186.

**HIRING PROCESS:**

Applicants will be required to successfully complete:

* Background investigation which includes, but is not limited to: criminal history, driving history, credit check, previous employment verification
* Polygraph Examination
* Panel Interview
* Pre-employment Drug Screen (including nicotine panel)

**The Walton County Sheriff’s Department is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Drug Free Workplace.  If you need an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in the application/selection process, please notify the Hiring Authority or Human Resources in advance.  Preference shall be given to certain veterans and spouses of veterans as provided by Chapter 295, Florida Statutes.  Applicants claiming preference must submit a Form DD-214.**