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PART TIME ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

The Towns of Essex, Deep River and Chester are currently accepting applications for a part time shared Assistant Animal Control Officer. This is a Special Statutory Appointment. The annual stipend for this position will range from a minimum of \$15,000 to a maximum of \$18,000. This position is not eligible for benefits under the current Town policy.

The hours of coverage necessary are a rotating schedule with the Animal Control Officer to provide 24/7 coverage.

Position Definition: Appointed by the First Selectman under State Statute 22-331. Performs patrol and enforcement duties in an animal control program; enforces Town regulations, Connecticut State Dog Statutes, laws relating to cats and the control of rabies in domestic animals.

Experience: Three (3) years of experience in the field of animal control or commercial management of domestic animals or law enforcement involving animals.

Special Requirements: Connecticut law requires all animal control officers to receive mandatory training and will be required to receive a minimum of eighty hours of field related training. New officers will have up to one year to receive this training. Existing officers are required a minimum of six hours of continuing education related to their job duties as animal control officer each calendar year.

Character Requirements: In the addition to the drug & alcohol screening and pre-placement physical exam, the checking of references of facts stated in the application and a thorough background investigation of each candidate may be made before persons are certified for permanent appointment.

Working Conditions: May be exposed to considerable danger of injury from animal bites, exposure to rabid animals and to disagreeable and potentially dangerous conditions in dealing with animals and animal owners in the course of issuing search and seizure and arrest warrants. Must be able to lift and/or carry objects (i.e. large dogs/animal, food bags, etc.) of 25 to 50 pounds. Position required a valid Connecticut operator's license. Town vehicle provided for use when on duty.

An application is required and may be obtained in the Selectmen's Office Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm or on the Town of Essex website www.essexct.gov under employment opportunities. All applications will be considered until the position is filled and should be sent to: **Selectmen's Office, Essex Town Hall, 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT 06426.**

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