

## DOG CONTROL OFFICER (DCO)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves enforcement of the provisions of Article VII of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law and local ordinances dealing with the licensing of dogs. Duties are performed under the general direction of the Town Supervisor with leeway allowed for the use of independent judgement in carrying out the details of the work. A Dog Control Officer performs related work as required.

### TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Seizes and impounds stray and dangerous dogs;
- Receives complaints from the public regarding dog nuisances;
- Attempts to locate owners of seized dogs;
- Services process in accordance with Article VII and local ordinances;
- Completes a record of any seizure and subsequent disposition of any dog;
- Supervises the harboring of seized dogs;
- Enforces deer protection and night quarantine orders;
- Arranges the euthanization of unclaimed and dangerous dogs;
- May conduct a dog census and investigate dog damage claims.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Knowledge of Article VII of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law and local dog ordinances; knowledge of service of processes; ability to be courteous, yet firm, with the public; ability to carry out oral and written instructions; ability to drive an automobile; physical condition equal to the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: None.

*SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:* Possession of a Class V New York State Operator's License at the time of appointment.

## CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Adopted: 9/24/79 (This specification adopted in place of Dog Warden specification)  
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