



Farm Livestock Worker Job Specification

Ballyhoura Rural Services CLG is currently recruiting for the position of **Farm Livestock Worker (Animal Husbandry) at the Doon Social Farm.**

Job Title: Farm Livestock Worker, (Part-time 19.5 hours per week)

Reporting to: Doon Social Farm Manager

Location: Doon Social Farm, Main Street Doon Co. Limerick

Job Summary

The Farm Livestock Worker reports to the Doon Social Farm Manager and is responsible for livestock selection, raising, breeding and the management a care of animals on the social farm. The Farm Livestock Worker has overall responsibility for Animal Husbandry to include the proper management of animals by ensuring correct food, shelter and protection against diseases, along with the proper disposal of animal waste and promoting a healthy environment.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Researching and sourcing animals for the social farm
- Study feed, weight, health, genetics and records in order to determine optimum feed and rations.
- Monitoring animal care, maintenance, breeding, packing and transfer activities to ensure work is done correctly
- Check for signs of illness, injury, or unusual behaviour; notifying the vet or manager as appropriate.
- Provide basic treatments of animal illnesses or injuries, following experience or instructions of vets.
- Demonstrate to learners and volunteers animal care procedures, maintenance duties and safety precautions.
- Ensure tasks such as feeding and treatment of animals, and cleaning and maintenance of animal quarters are fully completed.
- Maintain records in accordance with regularity requirements and prepare relevant reports concerning the facility and activities.
- Liaise with manager/advisors to determine production requirements, conditions of equipment and supplies, and work schedules.
- Liaise and assist workers in maintenance and repair of facilities and other farm work duties
- Inspect buildings, fences, fields or ranges, supplies and equipment as required

Knowledge and Experience

- Working knowledge of animal husbandry (essential)
- Hold a Certificate in Farm work Animal/Husbandry or equivalent (desirable)
- Experience of general farm work and farm maintenance
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Knowledge of MSOffice applications

- Full Driving Licence

Skills

Ability to demonstrate the following;

- An understanding of animal welfare and hygiene practices
- Excellent animal husbandry skills
- Safe work practices
- Positive can-do attitude is essential along with the ability to work to a high standard without supervision.
- Caring, passionate, enthusiastic with an appreciation for organic/sustainable production and practices.
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Flexibility and willingness to learn
- Basic English and maths
- Ability to work flexibly and at weekends when needed
- Ability to work with and understand the needs of learners and volunteers
- Effective planning and organisational skills and time and project management skills

Personal Attributes

Ability to ensure strict confidentiality in performing the above, along with the following personal attributes;

- Be honest and trustworthy
- Be respectful
- Be flexible/adaptable
- Motivated and enthusiastic
- Demonstrate sound work ethics
- Cultural awareness and sensitivity

To carry out any other duties as assigned by the Manager of Ballyhoura Rural Services Social Farm.

This job description is not intended to be an exhaustive list of duties and responsibilities and may be reviewed from time to time to reflect the changing needs of the position

Selection Process

- Application is by cover letter and CV to Doon Social Farm Manager at Ballyhoura Rural Services through email to manager@ballyhouraruralservices.org by August 17th before 5pm. Shortlisting will take place immediately on close of application.
- Suitable candidates will be employed subject to the continued funding under the Community Services Programme.

Canvassing will disqualify. Ballyhoura Rural Services is an equal opportunities employer.

Garda Vetting and reference check will apply.

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