

Position Description

Position Title:	Technician (Animal House)
Position Classification:	Level 3
Position Number:	307461, 301967, 313297, 313528, 311304
Faculty/Office:	Research Infrastructure Centres
School/Division:	Animal Care Services
Centre/Section:	
Supervisor Title:	Senior Technician / Coordinator
Supervisor Position Number:	101459, 101369, 313613, 105969

Your work area

Animal Care Services (ACS) is responsible for ensuring that all animals used in research and teaching at the University are housed and cared for to standards of best practice and in compliance with all legal and statutory requirements. The appointee will work in the containment facilities to provide a high standard of animal husbandry in a busy research environment.

Reporting structure

Reports to: Senior Technician

Your role

As the appointee you will, under direction, provide care and maintenance of laboratory animals, including husbandry procedures, cleaning, hygiene, feeding and watering of animals. You will ensure that all animals used in research and teaching at UWA are housed and cared for to the standards of best practice and in compliance with all legal and statutory requirements.

Your key responsibilities

Maintain accurate agistment, breeding, procedural and health records as required by the Animal Ethics Committee and Animal Care Services Standard Operating Procedures

Maintain a range of breeding, teaching and research animals. Attend general room cleaning, hygiene, feeding and watering of animals as directed

Ensure all care, management practices and research procedures are performed according to the Animal Care Services Standard Operating Procedures and Animal Ethics Committee requirements

Organise and maintain supplies of animals and consumables to meet research and teaching requirements including daily husbandry, breeding and technical procedures

Sanitise, organise and maintain supplies of consumables, animal cages and equipment by operating cage washers and autoclaves as required

Monitor and ensure sterilisation validation processes comply, prior to entry of equipment, feed, bedding and consumables into the facility, and prior to exit of equipment and waste from the facility. Ensure waste materials are properly packaged for disposal

Assist researchers and other ACS staff in minor experimental procedures Other duties as directed

Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)

Year 12 or demonstrated equivalent competency

Certificate in Animal Technology or equivalent

Relevant experience in an animal facility relating to the care and use of laboratory animals

Experience with the post-operative care of animals

Good written and verbal communication skills including a cooperative team building approach to the facility staff, research personnel and students

Good organisational skills and ability to meet deadlines

Proficiency in a range of computing skills including word processing, spreadsheets, databases, internet and email

Knowledge of safety issues relating to the use of laboratory equipment and chemicals

Ability to work independently and work productively as part of a team A demonstrated skill in biohazard handling procedures

Knowledge of the Australian Code for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes

Special requirements (selection criteria)

Current National Police Clearance Certificate

Able to fit the physical requirements of the position

Able to work after-hours, weekend rosters and rostered start times

Vaccinations as required

Current "C" class driver's license

Compliance

Workplace Health & Safety

All supervising staff are required to undertake effective measures to ensure compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984 and related University requirements (including Safety, Health and Wellbeing Objectives and Targets).

All staff must comply with requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and all reasonable directives given in relation to health and safety at work, to ensure compliance with University and Legislative health and safety requirements. Details of the safety obligations can be accessed at <http://www.safety.uwa.edu.au>

Inclusion & Diversity

All staff members are required to comply with the University's Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct and Inclusion and Diversity principles. Details of the University policies on these can be accessed at <http://www.hr.uwa.edu.au/policies/policies/conduct/code>, <http://www.web.uwa.edu.au/inclusion-diversity>.