

## Amherst County Sheriff's Office-Animal Control Officer

The Amherst County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the position of Animal Control Officer. This is a law enforcement position. Applicants must be 21 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, a valid Virginia operator's license and will be required to successfully complete a polygraph exam and an extensive background investigation. Applications may be picked up in person at 115 Taylor Street in Amherst, VA 24521, M-F 8:30 am to 5:00 pm or downloaded from [www.countyofamherst.com](http://www.countyofamherst.com). Applications will be accepted until position is filled. EEO

### Job Summary

Respond to calls and complaints from the public concerning lost, stray, injured or nuisance domestic animals; also concerning suspect rabid wild or domestic animals and dangerous or vicious dogs. It is important that responses are timely and that 24-hour on-call service is available for emergencies.

### Responsibilities and Duties

**\*Patrolling** - for stray dogs and cats (should be performed on a daily basis, even without complaints or reports)

**\*Investigation** - into reports of bite incidents, dangerous and vicious dogs; seizure and impoundment of dogs and cats which have committed any such act.

**\*Confinement** - serving notices for the confinement of biting or bitten animals for rabies observation and monitoring these confinements.

**\*Evaluation** - of animals captured or picked up as to the need for veterinary emergency care.

**\*Transportation** - of captured animals to impoundment facility; transportation vehicles must meet state regulations. Sick or injured animals must receive immediate emergency veterinary care. If designated, provide transportation of rabies specimens to State Public Health and Environmental laboratory.

**\*Record Keeping** - to properly document all calls, activities and animals picked up.

**\*Education** - of the public (including schools and other groups) as to responsible pet ownership, rabies prevention and the need for spaying and neutering of pets.

**\*Participation** - on local/county task force and other animal control related committees.

**\*Canvas** - for unlicensed/unvaccinated dogs and cats and take enforcement action when necessary

**\*Euthanasia** - routine and emergency, shelter and in field.( Directive 79-1 & 83-1, VDACS ).

Salary based current certification and experience.