



Business Title: **Animal Care Technician**

Official title: Animal Care Technician I(AN008)

Qualifications:

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

- Advanced breeding, feeding, cleaning, and management needs of dairy cattle
- Physiology of reproduction and lactation
- Basic techniques and principles involved in both hand and machine milking
- Regulations related to the sanitation procedures required in production of milk for human consumption
- Nutrient requirements of dairy cattle
- Different forage types and cereal grain types and relative quality of each
- Interpretation of written and oral instructions pertaining to research and management protocol
- Make accurate experimental sampling and measurements
- Use of weighing and measuring devices and to make legible, accurate recordings of data
- Recognize and interpret daily variations in feed intake, milk yield, and body weights
- Make minor repairs and adjustments on equipment
- Familiarity with and ability to recognize the difference between normal and abnormal appearances and behavior of dairy cattle
- Cattle handling and restraining techniques
- Reproductive function and behavior of dairy cattle

Job Summary:

The Emmons Blaine Arlington Dairy Research Center is part of the Integrated Dairy Facilities for the Department of Animal and Dairy Science at UW-Madison. This industry leading facility was built in 2008, and is home to 500 milking cows, roughly 100 dry cows, and 100 neo-natal calves. This sand bedded freestall dairy facility, in the heart of the Arlington Ag Research Station just 20 miles north of Madison, allows for the completion of pen-based nutrition work, mammary and reproductive physiology research, welfare and behavioral sciences studies, calf growth research, transition cow management projects, and individual animal intake information.

This position is involved in all aspects of the research dairy operations, including but not limited to, milking, feeding, cleaning, animal handling, and animal health observations at the facility. The daily responsibilities will include all activities involved with milking cows, taking and processing composite milk samples, and observing and handling the lactating cows in the research herd. The incumbent in this position must function with close, progressing to limited supervision over time once a clear understanding of the Standard Operating Procedures is developed. This position requires a high level of attention to detail in order to meet compliance needs of the research facility as well as that of a facility selling a food grade product. The person filling this role will need to be skilled in following written and oral instructions as directed by management and research protocols.

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Standard Summary: AN008 Animal Care Technician I

Feeds animals and maintains animal quarters, records, and supplies to ensure compliance with animal care regulations and in support of research and instruction.

Essential Responsibilities:

- 20% Inventories, cleans, and maintains organization of animal holding spaces and supplies
- 10% Inspects and reports equipment problems to ensure optimal and safe operation



- 10% Maintains organization of and updates records related to research procedures
- 60% Observes animal behavior, performs basic animal care, and reports concerns to the appropriate entities to contribute to the health and well-being of animals to support research and teaching

Education:

Preferred
H.S. Diploma

Additional Information:

Must be able to lift 50 pounds. Position requires frequent bending and twisting, along with repetitive motions of hands, wrists, and arms. Must be able to respond quickly to actions of 300-1400 pound animals to prevent being stepped on and/or pinned against a gate.

How to Apply:

Please click "Apply Now" to start the application process. You will be required to submit a resume for consideration. If you would like, you may also upload a cover letter. Your resume or cover letter should highlight your experience and skills as they relate to the listed qualifications for maximum consideration.

To ensure consideration, application must be received by: April 9, 2023

It is anticipated this position requires work be performed in-person, onsite, at a designated work location in Arlington, WI.

A period of evaluation will be required

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If you need to request an accommodation because of a disability, you can find information about how to make a request at the following website: <https://employeedisabilities.wisc.edu/disability-accommodation-information-for-applicants/>

Employment will require a criminal background check. It will also require you and your references to answer questions regarding sexual violence and sexual harassment.

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Job Group: Animal Care Services

Job Subgroup: Teaching and Research Animal Care

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

Employee class: University Staff

Department(s): A072556 / CALS/ANIMAL & DAIRY

Full time salary rate: Minimum \$17.000 HOURLY
Depending on Qualifications

Term: This is a renewable appointment.

Appointment percent: 100%

Anticipated begin date: April 17, 2023

Number of positions: 2

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