

## **Herdsman Job Description**

- Livestock Veterinary Associates p.c. (LVA) is a veterinary practice providing veterinary and reproductive services to owner of cattle, goats, sheep and pigs. StockVets L.L.C. (SV) is the name of the building and property where LVA functions. Clients know this business by interchangeable names.
- Hours: 45-50 hours per week on average. (min. 36 on short week and min. 53 on long week, rotates between the two Herdsmen)
  - Short week- Morning chores- 6 am to 3 pm CT (or as early as it takes to have shots prepared to administer between 6 and 7 am)
  - Short week concludes with morning chores on Friday except when Housing Manager is available to complete AM Friday chores.
  - Long week- Evening chores- 9 am to 6 pm CT (or when the work is done)
  - Long week concludes with weekend chores: AM and PM Chores and tasks as needed.

## Responsibilities

- Animal Care- Feed hay and grain, maintain water availability, keep animals comfortable with clean bedding, and monitor animals for their health and wellbeing.
- Administer treatments to cows or goats being housed and/or prepped for reproductive technology procedures. Artificial Insemination, Conventional Flushes, In Vitro Fertilization aspirations and Embryo Transfer.
- Assist the veterinarians with medical and reproductive procedures as needed
- Communicate with clients who own the animals receiving the reproductive or veterinary work. Receive and load animals (donors, recips or patients) arriving or leaving StockVets
- Handle semen, embryos and liquid nitrogen in storage tanks
- Maintain a functioning and clean work environment throughout the StockVets facilities and property

- Maintain and repair facilities and equipment at StockVets
- Assist with shipping of semen and embryos in accordance with direction from the housing manager
- The goal would be to train the Herdsman to Artificially Inseminate cows. This could be a skill already possessed or one taught by LVA personnel over time
- Tasks and directives as determined by the Housing Manager

If interested, we will be attending the College of Ag Career Fair on October 1<sup>st</sup> or you can contact:

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