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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
***Division of Animal Industry***

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**Unclassified Position Announcement**

**Veterinarian Diagnostician**

The State of Nevada, Department of Agriculture (NDA), is accepting applications for the position of Veterinarian Diagnostician. This is an unclassified, full-time position and will be located in Sparks, Nevada. The State of Nevada is committed to recruiting and retaining a talented workforce to provide outstanding customer service to citizens of Nevada and other agencies.

**Annual Salary:** \$108,824 (Employer Paid Retirement) to \$127,052 (Employee/Employer Paid Retirement)

**Benefits and Pay:** The State benefits package includes a retirement system, paid health, vision, dental, life and disability insurance, 12 paid holidays, and paid sick and annual leave. Other employee paid benefits such as deferred compensation plans are available.

**Posting Closing Date:** Until Recruitment Needs are Satisfied

**Agency Responsibilities:**

The NDA's mission is to preserve, protect and promote Nevada agriculture. Through its five divisions Administrative Services, Animal Industry, Measurement Standards, Food and Nutrition, and Plant Health and Compliance and 225 dedicated employees, the NDA supports agriculture and food manufacturing industries while also ensuring a safe food supply, protecting, and promoting the livestock industry of the state of Nevada, worker safety through regulatory and administrative practices, and public and environmental health. The NDA also provides oversight for the United States Department of Agriculture's school and community nutrition food distribution programs, ensuring food security for all Nevadans.

**Position Description:**

The Veterinary Medical Services program is responsible for statewide disease traceability, surveillance, epidemiology, outreach, and enforcement related to livestock and domestic animal laws. The position provides leadership, direction, and oversight of programs for the control and eradication of certain infectious, contagious and/or parasitic diseases of livestock. The Veterinarian Diagnostician works collaboratively with county, state, federal and industry partners to provide animal, public health, wildlife

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education and advisement. Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Provides animal health consultation and outreach to department personnel, veterinarians, the public, varied interest groups and other state and federal agencies regarding animal disease and health matters, program requirements, laws and regulations
- Establishes, implements and monitors current state and federal cooperative agreements and grants including, but not limited to, the USDA's Cooperative Agreements
- Proficiency in Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) rules and regulations including data entry in both state and federal databases for disease reporting, official animal identification and premise identification
- Maintains a working knowledge of current professionally accepted techniques in the diagnosis of infectious, contagious and parasitic diseases of livestock and poultry by attending local, state and national seminars and short courses and periodically soliciting updated information from various veterinary medical colleges as well as from the USDA National Veterinary Services Laboratory sources, in order to comply with NRS 571, CFR, UM&R, and to provide diagnostic services commensurate with economical, effective and up to date techniques
- Maintain current working knowledge of diseases and regulatory program components including Scrapie, rabies, tuberculosis, brucellosis and other disease programs, both state and federal
- Responsible for obtaining and submitting samples for Nevada's requirements for Scrapie Surveillance
- Supports the division and the State Veterinarian with Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) investigations when needed
- Implements appropriate diagnostic procedures on laboratory submissions to identify zoonotic and non-zoonotic diseases serving as case manager for necropsy and other laboratory testing
- Provides pre-analytical, analytical and post analytical laboratory support for testing including, but not limited to, necropsy, rabies, cytology and serology testing
- Participate in the review, development, and implementation of the laboratory's quality assurance system including departmental procedures
- Assumes the role of the Quality Assurance Manager for the Animal Disease Laboratory and manages the document control workflow for standard operating procedures
- Periodic out-of-state travel for conferences and training and in-state travel for inspection check-ins at state and county fairs and sample collection as needed

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

Applicants must be a graduate of a veterinary school or college approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association and have 3 years of experience in official work for regulating and controlling diseases in livestock (NRS 561.205).

Regulatory experience, as a licensed veterinarian, includes but is not limited to, regulating, and/or controlling disease in livestock; background in large animal medicine, epidemiology, and livestock production; background in and comfort with livestock field necropsy or post-mortem examinations, participation in federal/state regulatory programs such as issuing health certificates, equine infectious anemia sampling, rabies vaccination programs, and Trichomoniasis testing. Additional qualifications may include, knowledge of zoonotic diseases and the ability to address public health concerns, knowledge and understanding of programs, statutes, and regulations relevant to animal disease prevention, testing, and diagnosis, having the ability to plan, organize and direct work of multi-disciplinary staff and integrate activities of diverse programs, experience in implementing public awareness and education programs to facilitate outreach communication to both medical and non-medical groups, and knowledge of Animal

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Disease Traceability (ADT).

**LICENSE:**

Possession of a valid license to practice veterinary medicine as issued by a United States licensing agency. Requires a valid Nevada Driver's License.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Please respond to the following questions and limit your response to one page per question. Responses should include timeframes; reference to specific regulations or statutes, when applicable; and level of responsibility in each position as it relates to experience in the question.

1. Describe your background in large or small animal medicine, epidemiology, and livestock production.
2. Describe your experience performing, investigating and reporting post-mortem investigations.
3. Describe, in detail, your official work in regulating and controlling diseases in livestock inclusive of, equine, bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine, or poultry.
4. Describe your experience in laboratory methods including testing related to rabies, cytology, necropsy and diagnostic sampling.
5. Describe your experience in writing and/or managing federal cooperative agreements, the budgeting process, and any other financial management experience.

**How to Apply:**

All applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Hiring may occur at any time during the recruitment process. To be considered, all submittals shall include: a cover letter, response to the questions above, resume and/or curriculum vitae, and the name, address, email, and telephone number for five professional references. The successful applicant will be required to undergo a background investigation and are responsible for this expense.

**Submit application/direct all inquiries to:**

Laura Morrow, Animal Disease Laboratory Supervisor  
[lmorrow@agri.nv.gov](mailto:lmorrow@agri.nv.gov)

PLEASE REFERENCE THE FOLLOWING IN THE SUBJECT LINE:

Last Name/Position Title/How you heard about this position.

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