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Duties of the City Veterinarian

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The City Veterinarian position requires a variety of qualifications and skills. The basic requirements are a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree and two years of Public Health Inspection experience. The position, however, also requires knowledge of sanitation laws and ordinances regarding food and environmental sanitation, the ability to deal with the public as an advisor and as an enforcement official, and the ability to manage personnel and to coordinate with other units of city government.

Duties of the City Veterinarian fall into three major divisions, the first being the Division of Health and Sanitation. The duties of this division include cooperation with the City Health Officer in the removal of nuisances, sources of filth, and causes of sickness within the city of Ames. They also include the enforcement of food regulations through inspection of food service operations, presentation of continuing education programs, periodic testing of food samples, etc.

The second division of duties is the division of Animal Control, which entails the control of stray and abandoned animals, maintenance of an animal shelter, enforcement of leash laws, and the control of pest animals. The administration of all facets of rabies control also falls within the scope of this program.

Third is the Division of Fly and Insect Control, which encompasses administration of comprehensive insect control programs and the presentation of public education programs dealing with insect control. Projects undertaken within this division include comprehensive insect surveys, larvicide programs, and extensive insecticide fogging.

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Errata

On page 24 of Vol. 41, Number 1, a picture with the caption "Microbiology circa 1965" appeared. The caption should have read "Microbiology circa 1956." The faculty and staff of The ISU Veterinarian wish to thank Phil Finney, DVM (ISU '59) for calling this mistake to our attention. Dr. Finney also informed us that it was taken in the fall of 1956. We wish to apologize to the Class of 1959 for this error.

On page 27 of the above issue, it is incorrectly stated that former Dean Kitchell is now retired. Dr. Kitchell is presently teaching at the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of California at Davis.

Also, page 45 incorrectly gives Dr. Kitchell's first name as Robert. Dr. Ralph Kitchell became Dean of the College in 1966.

The ISU Veterinarian staff regrets the errors.

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