

## Government of Tuvalu – Job Description



Position Title:	Veterinarian	
Band and Salary:	H1 – H3	\$16,448 - \$33,287
Ministry and Department:	Ministry of Natural Resources Development	Department of Agriculture
Location:	Funafuti	
Reports to:	Director of Agriculture	

**JOB PURPOSE:** (a short 1-2 line summary of the job)

The post of a veterinarian is a newly established post in the department of Agriculture.

The primary purpose of the veterinarian is to provide high-quality medical care to animals, diagnose and treat illnesses and injuries, and promote overall animal health and well-being.

This role involves performing routine and emergency medical procedures, developing treatment plans, and offering preventive care and education to pet owners. Additionally, the veterinarian will collaborate with a team of veterinary professionals to ensure the delivery of exceptional patient care and maintain a compassionate and supportive environment for both animals and their owners on Funafuti and in the country, as a whole

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:** (list no more than 6 key responsibilities not tasks)

1. Diagnose and treat animals' illness and injuries
2. Perform surgeries and other medical procedures
3. Prescribe medications and administer vaccines
4. Advice pet owner on care, nutrition, and behaviors
5. Maintain accurate medical records

**MAIN DUTIES AND OUTCOMES:** (list duties/tasks and outcomes of the responsibilities listed above)

- 1.1 Examine animals to diagnose their health issues
- 1.2 Provide vaccinations and routine health checks
- 2.1 Develop and implement treatment plans, including prescribing medications and performing surgeries.
- 2.2 Work with veterinary technicians, nurses, and other staff to ensure comprehensive patient care

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- 3.3 Consult with specialists when necessary
- 3.1 Respond to and manage emergency cases, such as accidents or sudden illness
- 3.2 Document diagnoses, treatments, and follow-up care
- 3.3 Perform life-saving procedures as necessary
- 4.1 Advise pet owners on nutrition, exercise, and other aspects of preventing care
- 4.2 Provide education on animal health and wellness
- 5.1 Maintain accurate and detailed medical records for each patient
- 5.2 Oversee or participate in the management of the veterinary practice, including compliance with regulations and standards
- 5.3 Stay current with advances in veterinary medicine through ongoing education and professional development.

## MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

### Qualification and Experience:

- i) Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc): Completion of a veterinary medicine degree from an accredited institution is essential.
- ii) Clinical Experience: Relevant clinical experience, including internships or residencies, is often required or highly desirable. This experience helps demonstrate competency in diagnosing and treating animals.
- iii) Practical Skills: Hands-on experience with a variety of medical procedures and patient care scenarios is necessary
- iv) Adherence to Legal and Ethical Standards: Understanding and following regulations and ethical guidelines related to veterinary practice

## OR

2 years working experience in related fields with 2 years working experience in a supervisory role/ attended training in relevant areas.

### Skills and Knowledge:

Proficiency (Fair/Good/Excellent) in written and oral English and Tuvaluan

Proficiency (Fair/Good/Excellent) in the use of MS Office Suite of Programmes Excellent interpersonal relationship skills

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### Applicants through their applications MUST:

- (i) Address all the qualification requirements of the job description.
- (ii) Address each of the responsibilities of the job as listed in the job description indicating how best he/she can carry out those responsibilities satisfactorily and at the same time add value to the job.
- (iii) The response in each case in (i) and (ii) must reflect the information in the CV; and the job application checklist.

It is expected that officers recognize the cross-cutting nature of gender issues; the roles and responsibilities in this job description should be performed by taking into account a sector integration of gender perspectives.

