



ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

AGRICULTURE / WEIGHTS & MEASURES DEPARTMENT

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Hiring Soon!

Dog Team Canine Handler Alameda County Agriculture

Alameda County will soon be opening an Agriculture/ Weights and Measures Investigator position, which will be used to fill an opening for our Dog Team Canine Handler. For more information on the Ag Standards Investigator position I, II or III, see

<https://www.jobapscloud.com/Alameda/specs/classspecdisplay.asp?ClassNumber=8418>

<https://www.jobapscloud.com/Alameda/specs/classspecdisplay.asp?ClassNumber=8419>

<https://www.jobapscloud.com/Alameda/specs/classspecdisplay.asp?ClassNumber=8420>

The canine handler for the Alameda County Agriculture / Weights and Measures Department works as part of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Detector Dog program. This is a specialized position filled with a licensed Ag Standards Investigator (ASI). In addition to other ASI knowledge and licensing requirements, this position will require **successful completion of the 8-week training program at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Detector Dog Training Center in Newnan GA.** We are anticipating attendance at the next class, beginning May 2024.

The Detector Dog Program inspects parcels at distribution centers such as United States Postal Service, Federal Express, and United Parcel Service to identify unmarked packages containing plant and other materials that could be detrimental to agriculture and the environment in California. Work hours are usually outside normal business hours, often requiring early morning inspections.

Duties in addition to parcel inspection include:

Canine Care

Assisting with inspections

Preparation of Pest Damage Reports

Recordkeeping (CDFA & USDA)

Working with other staff.

Owner notification & Investigation

Preparation of Notices of Rejection

Outreach with Dog Team

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