## RACHEL TAYLOR SOMERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT - ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/ANIMAL INSPECTOR

### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Somerville Police Department, 220 Washington St, Somerville, MA 02143

## 2009 - Present Animal Control Officer/Animal Inspector

Somerville Police Department Animal Control Officer Job Description:

- Possibly Vicious & Dangerous Animals/Animal Bites: Immediately responding to and investigating reports that an
  animal has either bitten a person/another domestic animal or is menacing the public. Issue muzzle orders and other
  orders as deemed appropriate. Animal Inspectors are in charge of bite reports and quarantine orders due to an animal
  bite. (Public Safety, Enforcement of State and Municipal laws)
- Injured/Sick Animals: (Public Safety, Animal Welfare) Animal Cruelty/Neglect: Checking on the health and well-being of animals reportedly being neglected or abused. (Animal Welfare, Enforcement of Federal, State and Municipal Laws)
  - Wandering/Stray/Abandoned/Domestic animals: Impounding unattended, wandering domestic animals before they
    can become a threat to the residents of Somerville or to themselves. (Public Safety, Animal Welfare, Enforcement of
    State and Municipal Laws)
  - **Kennel maintenance at our holding facility:** Ensuring the health, nourishment, well-being and cleanliness of impounded animals. Maintaining a viable in-house adoption and facilitates relationships with local fosters and rescue agencies. Ensuring that all animals are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and vet checked before being adopted.
  - Responding to Requests for Service: Assisting other agencies (MSPCA, SOMERVILLE POLICE DEPT, MASS STATE PD, NEMLEC, ETC) in impounding owned animals due to emergencies such as owner/caretaker's sudden death, arrest, eviction, hospitalization, domestic disturbance, fire and other situations of the like. Providing resident assistance and service. (Public Safety, Animal Welfare, Enforcement of State and Municipal Laws)
  - Public Education: Taking a proactive approach in teaching and encouraging responsible pet ownership.
     Promoting the importance of the leash law, population growth, and pet licensing through a combination of enforcement and education.
  - Investigating/Documenting General Complaints: Conducting general investigations of animal related problems such as excessive barking complaints, dogs at large, nuisance wildlife, improper feeding, inadequate fencing, violation of the pooper scooper ordinance, off leash dogs in parks and many other issues.
  - - dangerous dog hearings, and cruelty charges. Coordinating efforts with other community professionals such as police officers, court officials and veterinarians on court cases.
  - Social Media: Maintaining Somerville Animal Control Facebook page. Posting lost/found animals on Facebook and other websites geared toward reuniting lost animals with their families. Answering resident questions/concerns via Facebook page and email.
  - **Community Outreach:** Attending community events hosted by animal welfare and local pet ownership groups such as SomDog and The Somerville Foundation for Animals.

#### Somerville Police Department Animal Inspector Job Description:

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### 2008 - Summer Mayor Summer Job Program, Animal Control Assistant

• Assisted with daily functions in the Animal Control Department

### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:**

### 2000 -2008 Various Horse Stables

- Care and management of horses and barn
- Teaching students to ride and care for horses and equipment

# INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES:

- Horseback riding
- USEA
- USEF

### **ACCOLADES:**

- 2010 American Eventing Championship (Amateur Training Division for qualifying riders in the national competition for the equestrian sport of eventing) Third place overall
- 2010 Athletic Excellence Award Somerville, MA, issued by Mayor Curtatone

## **EDUCATION:**

2012-2015 **Bunker Hill Community College**, Charlestown, MA 02129 Pursuing an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice, with a minor in Equine Management

2008-2010 <u>Mount Ida College</u>, *Newton*, *MA 02459* Began Associate's Degree in Equine Management

2004-2008 Somerville High School, Somerville, MA 02143

## TRAINING:

- Animal Control Officers Association of Massachusetts Academy graduate (2009)
- FEMA-Intro to Incident Command System(ICS-100) (2009)
- FEMA-NIMS(IS-00700) (2009)
- OC Aerosol Certification (2009)
- MA Pistol License Class (2012)
- Basic Firearms Safety Certification (2012)
- ASPCA Blood Sports Investigation Training (2015)
- Wildlife Training (2016)
- Tethering Law Training (2017)
- MDAR Animal Inspector Training (2018)
- AHA: Disaster Sheltering for Companion Animals Training (2019)
- Commonwealth Police Legacy Legal Updates for ACOS Training (2020)
- Various in person and online courses taken pertaining to my job (2009-2020)