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A kennel manager is a person who operates, or manages, a dog kennel. Kennel managers ensure that all of the dogs under their care have adequate food, water, medicinal care, sanitation, and exercise. A kennel manager may also be responsible for the training of those dogs, either directly, or by facilitating training with a trainer. The Kennel Manager may also be responsible for delegating the various kennel responsibilities to other staff and overseeing their care of the dogs.

A kennel manager's duties might include:

- Oversight of other staff
- Ensure that daily schedules for feeding, watering, training, medications, and exercise are maintained
- Evaluate each canine's health, treat sick or wounded dogs, provide veterinary care if needed, and quarantine animals that are sick
- Provide for socialization protocols for puppies, temperament tests, and evaluate potential owners in selecting suitable homes

Management skills are a necessity in any type of management career field including kennel management. Many large kennel facilities require a minimum of a bachelor's degree in management. Smaller operations may allow a person with adequate prior experience to manage kennels.

A career as a kennel manager has the potential to provide a modest living. People who choose a career as a kennel manager must be reliable and good with schedules. Kennel managers are needed in many different areas of the canine world, including animal shelters, breeding kennels, animal hospitals, training facilities, and boarding facilities to name a few.